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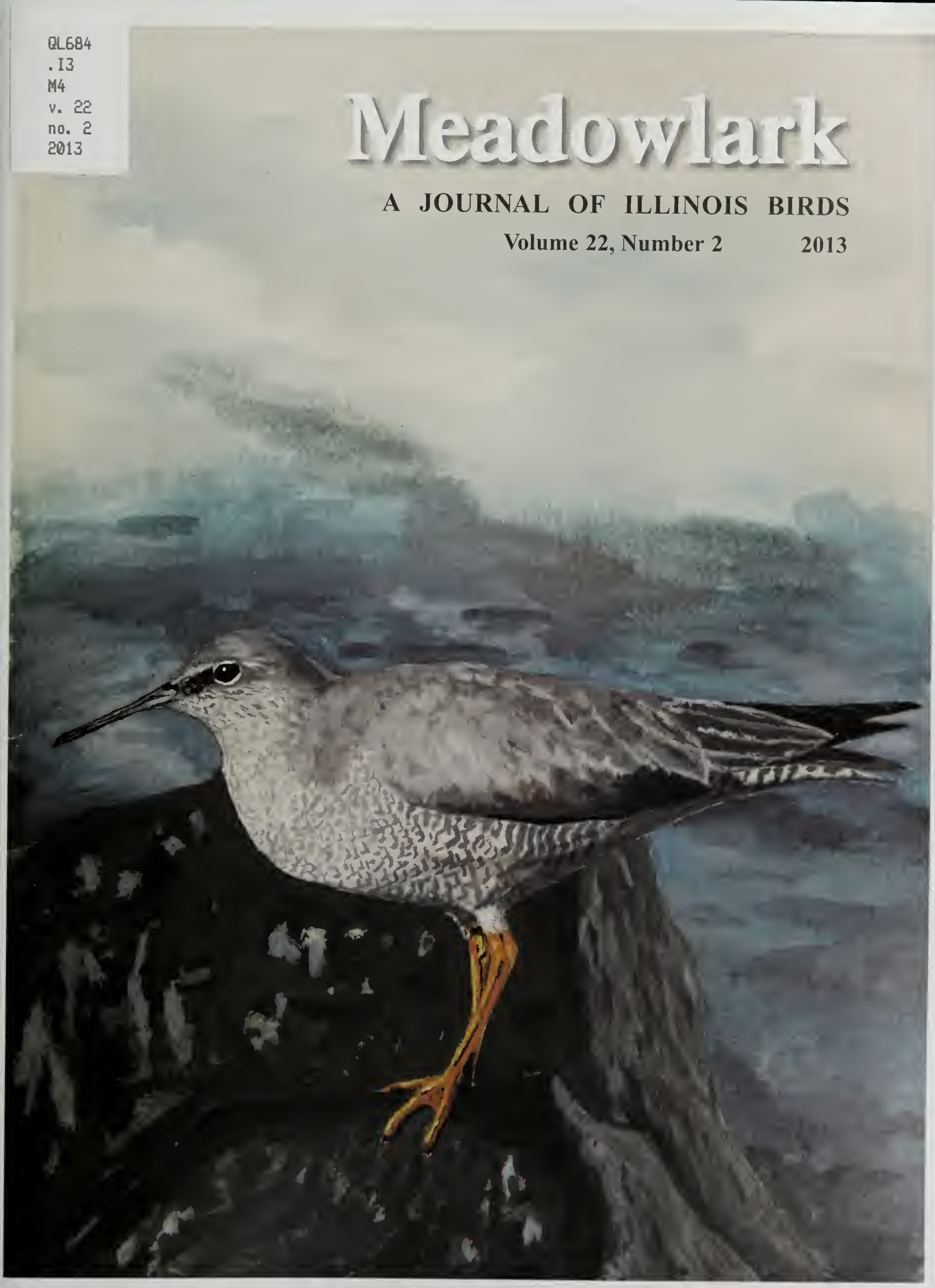

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Letter from the Editor

Tell us your favorite or most special Illinois birding spot: Here's mine

Sitting here looking out my window at the snow watching the common winter birds such as American Tree Sparrows and Dark-eyed Juncos, I began to think about my favorite birding spot in Illinois. Of course, I've been to lots of places in Illinois and birding spots in southern Illinois surely have to be at the top of my list.

But it all comes down to the first time I heard a Blue-winged Warbler sing at least 30, if not longer, years ago. I had taken a birdwatching class through the College of Lake County and we met at Ryerson Woods in Lake County. When I heard that unique, "Bee bzzz" sound as if it were in a fourth dimension, a whole new world opened to me. Someone knew that a Blue-winged Warbler was singing, and I couldn't see it, but I heard it. I felt like Alice in Wonderland.

Being a beginning birder, I didn't quite realize all the wonderful places to bird in the state, so I made most of my early forays to Ryerson Woods, truly a magical place for migration. As a flutist and pianist, I immersed myself in the songs and calls, listening to tapes over and over trying to memorize the various utterances of the warblers.

One day I was listening to the Hooded Warbler song in the car as I pulled into the lot at Ryerson Woods. I turned off the tape, got out of car and heard – a Hooded Warbler. "That's a Hooded Warbler!" I said to no one there. Indeed it was, and I had discovered the gem by song first, then admired the gorgeous yellow and black colors of this bird, which is fairly rare at Ryerson.

It happened that way over and over at Ryerson Woods. For some reason, I was entranced by the "I am so lazeeeee" song of the Black-throated Blue Warbler. While hiking Ryerson Woods down a trail toward the farm, I heard it – a Black-throated Blue Warbler singing, and I found it, and it was the most beautiful bird I had seen. Yes, I know. Blackburnian Warblers are far much prettier, but this was a bird I had again found with a song and I was there alone with the bird. As many of you may know, Black-throated Blue Warbler is one of my favorite birds of all time. Indeed, I went to their breeding grounds in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and heard them singing on a hot, bug-infested July day. On another autumn day while hiking one of the longer trails at Ryerson Woods, I spotted a beautiful male Black-throated Blue Warbler. So entranced was I watching the bird with binoculars that I didn't realize that five white-tailed deer had gathered around me in a circle. I was startled when I lowered my binoculars and saw them. Were they watching the bird? Well, of course not. But it was one of those rare times when I felt completely and utterly part of the fourth dimension of the natural world.

I found several more of my firsts – to add to my life list – at Ryerson – by hearing the song first. I had longed to hear a Connecticut Warbler and one day on the short trail behind the program cabins, I heard it – that loud, vociferous, unmistakable sound that I had listened to over and over on my tape. To see the bird, I had to slosh in some mud, then lean far back against a tree, strain my neck, search through the leaves and finally, glimpse the elusive creature.

I will never forget where I saw my first Black-throated Blue and Connecticut Warblers. It's never the same, is it, the next time you see the birds you covet as lifers. But it was so much more enhanced for me because I had learned the songs before I went looking for them.

I'd love to hear tales of your favorite birding places in Illinois, or perhaps, the one that's most special to you – and why. Please email me at Sheryl.devore@comcast.net with your stories. I'll be gathering them and hope to get them into a future issue of Meadowlark.

Sheryl DeVore

President's Message

Blackbird Blitz

All those who enjoy sorting through blackbird flocks, raise your hand. We all probably remember a teacher or speaker using that rhetorical hook to get our attention, though the subject was certainly not blackbirds. But as I write this, I look around and don't see very many hands in the air! Who wants to count blackbirds if there's more interesting birds to be seen?

I encourage us all – who are, metaphorically speaking 'sitting on our hands' when it comes to blackbirds – to reconsider that position, beginning this March.

The International Rusty Blackbird Working Group (IRBWG) has been studying this species for a number of years, trying to determine why Rustys have declined 85-95% since the mid 1900's, according to the best available estimates! Quoting from their website http://rustyblackbird.org/ "The Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*) is a widespread North American species that has shown chronic long-term and acute short-term population declines, based both on breeding season and wintering ground surveys."

Though our state does not provide important wintering habitat for Rustys, the IRBWG believes Illinois is a key stopover corridor for the species as they travel north to their breeding grounds in the coniferous forests far to our north. The IRBWG reached out to IOS, asking us to organize, recruit birders and lead a three-year long effort, aka the Rusty Blackbird Blitz, to find out where and in what numbers Rustys are found here in Illinois, as they pass through during spring migration.

The first year of the Blitz will begin on March 1, 2014, and extend through mid April. I suspect this first season the major challenge to birders will be scouting locations where Rustys are likely to be. As we all know, they like wet woodlands, but are often mixed in with larger multi-species blackbird flocks during the spring.

IOS seeks one or two birders to coordinate the Blitz statewide; an alternate possibility: Dividing the state into three or more regions, with a corresponding number of birders acting as regional coordinators. If you're interested in being a coordinator on any level, please get in touch with me by email bfisher928@aol.com. We plan additional outreach, to make sure all Illinois birders are clued into the Blitz, and its importance in finding answers and solutions to halt/reverse the decline of this fascinating species. Check the IRBWG website for complete details on how the Blitz works.

Karen and I are planning to get out there this March. From past early spring birding expeditions around the headwaters of the Illinois River, we think we know a few likely spots. I'll bet you do as well. So please, raise your hand and shout, "I want to find and count Rustys!"

Robert Fisher

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Matt McKim-Louder created the front cover drawing of a Wandering Tattler, a one-day wonder and Illinois' first state record in 2012. An experienced birder and scientist, Matt is pursuing his doctorate at the University of Illinois. He is studying Brown-headed Cowbird parasitism of the Prothonotary Warbler in southern Illinois. Matt is also a member of the board of the Illinois Ornithological Society and chairs the Grants Commmittee.

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The 2012 Illinois and Mississippi River Fall Waterbird and Wetland Habitat Report

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INTRODUCTION

The Illinois and Mississippi River Valleys (IRV and CMRV, respectively) are major migration and wintering areas for nearly 30 species of waterfowl in the Mississippi Flyway (Havera 1999). Additionally, these regions provide significant recreational opportunities (e.g., hunting and bird watching). Data from aerial inventories are used to direct waterfowl management, habitat acquisition, ecological research, and for public outreach. There are many important private, state and federal waterfowl areas and refuges within these river floodplains, such as the Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), the Illinois River National Wildlife and Fish Refuges, and Keokuk Pool. The Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS) with support from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has conducted aerial inventories of waterfowl along the Illinois and Mississippi rivers since 1948 (flown each year but 2001). This undertaking represents the longest known inventory of waterfowl, preceding even the USFWS breeding waterfowl counts and mid-winter inventories.

Wetland conditions in backwater lakes along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers influence migration patterns of dabbling ducks – better conditions result in longer stopover durations (O'Neal et al. 2012). Habitat conditions are dependent on many factors, but likely are heavily influenced by abundance of high-quality foods. In the IRV and CMRV, natural moist-soil vegetation composed of mostly annual grasses and broad-leafed plants, submersed and floating-leafed aquatic vegetation, and cereal crops (e.g., corn, sorghum and Japanese millet) are the principle food sources of ducks during fall (Havera et al. 1999:133). Wide-scale production of moist-soil plants is dependent on timing and extent of spring and summer flooding along the river systems; receding water levels during late spring and summer expose mudflats and encourage plant growth. Additionally, temperature, rainfall, and other factors affect farming practices (e.g., fall tillage of corn fields) which influences availability of waste grain for field-feeding ducks. Although submersed and floating-leafed aquatic plants have been largely eliminated from many backwater lakes along the major rivers, some isolated lakes and reservoirs harbor these plant communities as long as sedimentation and eutrophication are not severe.

During aerial inventories each fall, we estimated waterfowl habitat quality based on food abundance. Herein, we describe wetland, lake, and river water levels; apparent food production by aquatic plant communities; and the response by waterbirds during fall 2012.

METHODS

We have estimated the quality of waterfowl foraging habitats (e.g., moist-soil plants and submersed aquatic vegetation) in the IRV and CMRV since the late 1970s using a simple, qualitative index (1–5; 1 – no or poor food production, 2 – fair, 3 – good, 4 – very good, 5 – excellent; O'Neal et al. 2012). During summer/fall, we assessed the extent and maturity of waterfowl plant foods both aerially and from the ground at several backwater wetlands in these rivers and ranked overall food production in the region according to the index.

During fall 2012, we aerially inventoried waterbirds (Table 1) 16 times at 23 locations in the IRV and 16 locations in the CMRV (Fig. 1; INHS 2013). One observer conducted all inventories from a single-engine, fixed-wing aircraft flying at an alti-

tude of <450 ft and 150–160 mph (Havera 1999). We defined waterfowl abundance in both river systems as peak numbers observed during approximately weekly surveys during fall and used running averages to extrapolate weekly bird abundance to cumulative use-days for the season (Stafford et al. 2007). For example, 100 birds using a wetland for 10 days equates to 1,000 use-days (Stafford et al. 2007, 2010).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Persistent drought and exceptionally warm temperatures occurred throughout most of the central United States, including the IRV and CMRV, during 2012. As a result, water levels receded early in the growing season creating excellent conditions for moist-soil plant development in many wetlands and lake margins. Specifically, water levels in the Illinois River fell below 8 ft. (14 ft. flood stage) in Havana on 25 May and remained low in both Peoria and La Grange pools of the IRV throughout the growing season (Fig. 2). This drawdown was considered early to mid-season in terms of moist-soil management (Fredrickson and Taylor 1982). Many (19 of 27 wetlands; 70%) of the monitored IRV wetlands had above average to excellent waterfowl food resources at the onset of fall migration. Like the IRV, waterfowl foraging habitat in the CMRV was considered above average during fall 2012. Most (15 of 18 locations; 83%) surveyed wetlands had above average to excellent duck foraging habitat. Extensive beds of submersed aquatic vegetation were visible in Pool 19 of the Mississippi River during September 2012 surveys. Accordingly, diving duck foraging habitat appeared better in fall 2012 than fall 2011.

Facing page: Aerial inventories of waterfowl have been taken since 1948 each fall in Illinois. Photo provided by Aaron P. Yetter.

Right: Ducks descend on Lake Chautauqua, Mason County, Illinois, in fall. Photo provided by Aaron P. Yetter.

Peak abundance of total ducks was greater in the IRV and CMRV in 2012 than 2011. Additionally, duck abundance in the IRV exceeded long-term averages during all weekly surveys. In the IRV, peak abundance of total ducks occurred on 12 December 2012 (617,565); this estimate was 115% greater than the 2011 peak, and 157% above the most recent 5-yr average (2007–2011; Table 1; Fig. 3). Total duck abundance in the CMRV peaked on 12 December at 531,040 and was 40% greater than 2011 and 38% above the 5-yr average (Table 1; Fig. 4). Peak abundance of total ducks for the two river systems combined (1,148,605) was 88% greater than in 2011 and 90% above the 5-yr average (Table 1).

In the IRV, peak abundance estimates for northern pintail (-15%), American green-winged teal (-12%), and American wigeon (-78%) were less in 2012 than 2011, whereas estimates for mallard (+207%), American black duck (+51%), blue-winged teal (+101%), gadwall (+66%), and northern shoveler (+25%) were greater in 2012 than 2011. The peak estimate of total dabbling ducks (583,370) was 123% greater than the 2011 estimate and 169% above the 5-yr average (Table 1).

In the CMRV, 2012 peak abundance estimates for American green-winged teal (-19%) and American wigeon (-24%) were less than in 2011. Peak estimates for all other dabbling duck species in the CMRV were greater in 2012 than 2011 (Mallard [+46%], American Black Duck [+320%], Northern Pintail [+24], Blue-winged Teal [+397%], Gadwall [+21%] and Northern Shoveler [+21%]). Peak abundance of all dabbling duck species in the CMRV was 40% greater in 2012 (424,905) than 2011 and 46% above the 5-yr average (Table 1; Fig. 4).

Diving duck abundance in the IRV peaked on 6 December in 2012 at 48,285; this was 93% greater than 2011 and 85% above the 5-yr average. Peak abundance estimates for Lesser Scaup (+75%), Ring-necked Duck (+65%), Canvasback (+193), Ruddy Duck (+83%), Common Goldeneye (+1,288%) and Bufflehead (+70%) were greater in 2012 than 2011, whereas estimates for Redhead (-100%) were less in 2012 than 2011 (Table 1).

In the CMRV, diving duck abundance peaked on 27 December in 2012 at 179,585; this was 69% greater than 2011 and 73% greater than the 5-yr average (Table 1; Fig. 4). Excepting Redhead (-53%) and Common Goldeneye (-17%), peak estimates for all diving duck species inventoried in the CMRV were greater in 2012 than 2011 (Lesser Scaup [+58%], Ring-necked Duck [+102%], Canvasback [+94%], Ruddy Duck [+6%] and Bufflehead [2%]; Table 1).

Use-day estimates for total ducks were greater in the IRV and CMRV in 2012 than 2011 (+31% and +34%, respectively; Table 1). In the IRV, estimated use-days for 5 of 8 dabbling duck species were greater in 2012

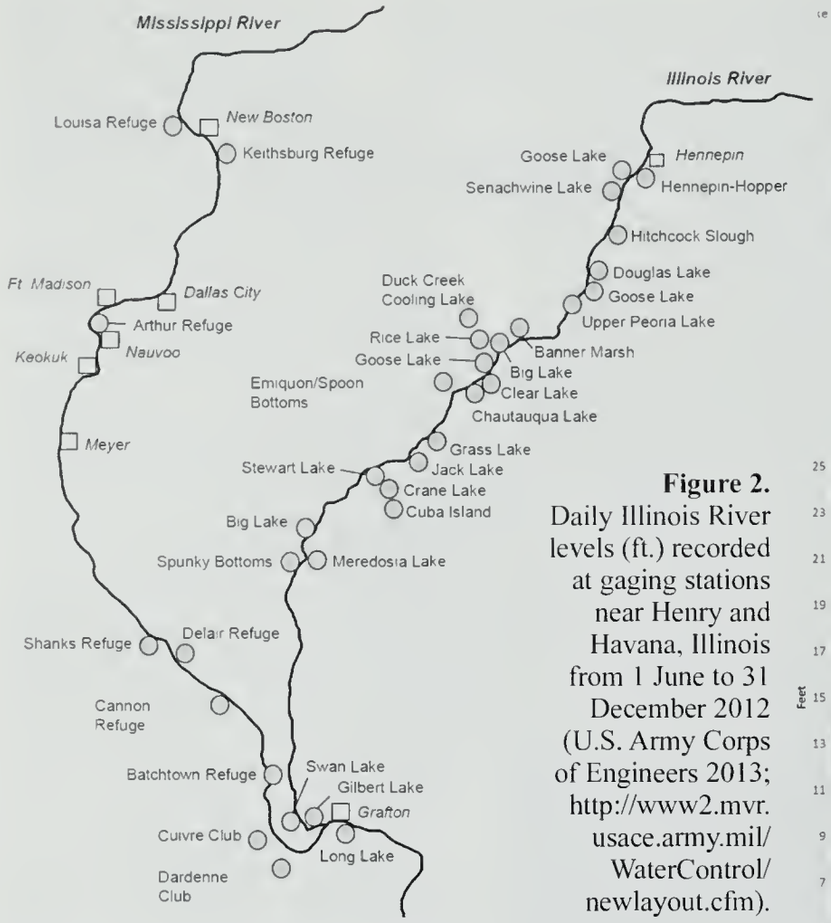

Figure 1. Locations in the Illinois and central Mississippi river valleys aerially inventoried for waterfowl by the Illinois Natural History Survey, fall 2012 (INHS 2013, http://www.bellrose.org).

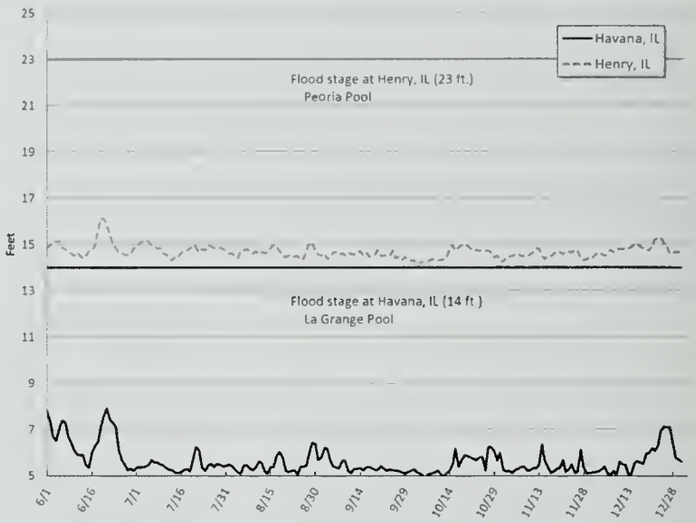

Figure 2. Daily Illinois River levels (ft.) recorded at gaging stations near Henry and Havana, Illinois from 1 June to 31 December 2012 (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2013; http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/newlayout.cfm).

than 2011. In the CMRV, estimated use-days for all dabbling duck species were greater in 2012 than 2011. Total diving duck use-days in the IRV were 89% greater in 2012 than 2011 (Table 1). Excepting Redhead, estimated use-days for all diving duck species in the IRV were greater in 2012 than 2011. In the CMRV, excepting Canvasback, Redhead and Bufflehead, use-days for all diving ducks species inventoried were greater in 2012 than 2011. Total diving duck use-days in the CMRV increased by 40% from 2012 to 2011.

Peak abundances and use-days for Canada, Snow and Greater white-fronted Geese in the IRV were greater during 2012 than 2011 (Table 1). Despite some lesser peak abundances for these geese species in the CMRV, use-days in the region were above 2011 and long-term averages (+19–417%). Similarly, American Coot abundances and use-days were less than in 2011 (-34% and -7%, respectively) in the IRV, but American Coots exceeded both 2011 numbers and the long-term average in the CMRV for peak abundances (+59% and +107%, respectively) and use-days (+195 and 181%, respectively).

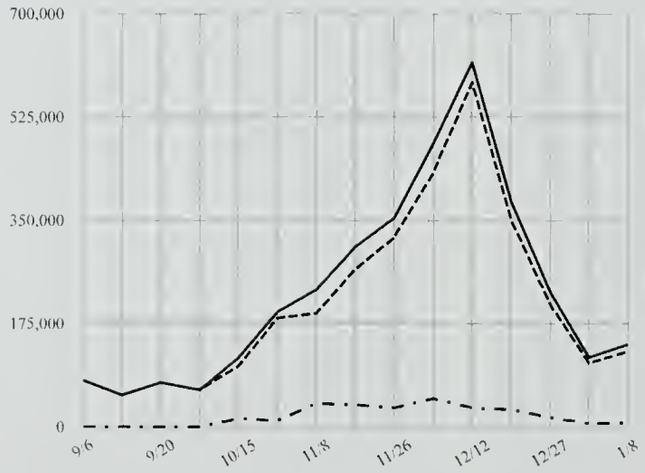

Figure 3. Estimated abundance of dabbling ducks, diving ducks and total ducks observed during fall migration 2012 in the Illinois River Valley.

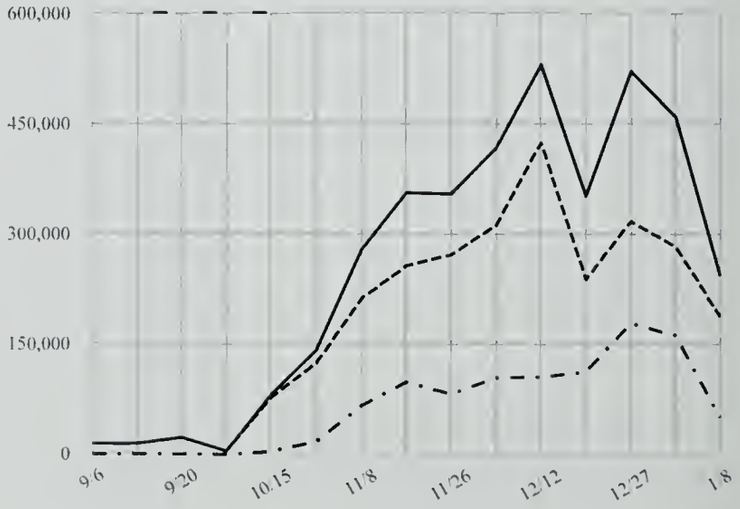

Figure 4. Estimated abundance of dabbling ducks, diving ducks and total ducks observed during fall migration 2012 in the Central Mississippi River Valley.

Abundant waterfowl food resources at many refuges and wetlands in both river systems likely enhanced waterfowl stopover duration (O'Neal et al. 2012) during fall 2012 which perhaps contributed to the large numbers of ducks observed during fall inventories and use-day estimates. Additionally, waterfowl forage was available well past the average freeze-up date of 8 December for central Illinois. Despite brief periods of extensive ice coverage, above normal temperatures and relatively mild weather persisted until 22 December when significant portions of the IRV wetlands froze. Significant ice coverage was not observed in the CMRV until 27 December when most of the side and main channel areas of Pool 19 froze. Ample food resources and ice-free wetlands provided ideal waterfowl migration habitat during fall 2012. Waterfowl inventories revealed that migrating ducks responded to the available wetland habitats when large numbers of ducks occupied both river systems creating a spectacular duck migration during fall 2012 in central Illinois.

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Table 1. Peak abundance estimates of waterbirds by species and guild during falls 2011 and 2012, the average for 2007–2011 ($\bar{x}$) and the percent change between 2012 and 2011 (ΔYR) and the 2007–2011 average (ΔAV).

	Abundance					Use Days				
Species and Regions	**2011**	**2012**	$\bar{x}$	Δ_{YR}	Δ_{AV}	**2011**	**2012**	$\bar{x}$	Δ_{YR}	Δ_{AV}
Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)										
Illinois River	159,155	488,570	156,634	207	212	6,758,160	9,762,533	6,066,090	44	61
Central Mississippi River	220,810	321,310	230,649	46	39	5,937,088	7,175,330	5,931,076	21	21
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	379,965	809,880	373,662	113	117	12,695,248	16,937,863	11,989,735	33	41
American Black Duck (*Anas rnbripes*)										
Illinois River	1,310	1,980	1,689	51	17	38,205	52,223	47,313	37	10
Central Mississippi River	300	1,260	1,294	320	-3	4,113	7,798	19,736	90	-60
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	1,460	2,930	2,533	101	16	42,318	60,020	67,035	42	-10
Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*)										
Illinois River	67,070	56,830	38,468	-15	48	2,746,323	2,782,958	1,394,819	1	100
Central Mississippi River	60,700	75,205	39,715	24	89	2,116,765	2,971,035	1,471,940	40	102
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	103,185	132,035	68,489	28	93	4,863,088	5,753,993	2,871,113	18	100
Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*)										
Illinois River	24,685	49,630	18,881	101	163	749,058	445,243	462,777	-41	-4
Central Mississippi River	2,230	11,080	4,209	397	163	67,633	234,833	69,008	247	240
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	26,915	60,710	22,995	126	164	816,690	680,075	533,385	-17	28
Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*)										
Illinois River	59,140	52,275	35,463	-12	47	3,283,950	2,778,785	1,576,319	-15	76
Central Mississippi River	49,895	40,175	28,970	-19	39	1,979,580	2,162,323	1,183,032	9	83
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	99,275	85,495	61,715	-14	39	5,263,530	4,941,108	2,755,761	-6	79

Table 1, *continued.* Peak abundance estimates of waterbirds by species and guild during falls 2011 and 2012, the average for 2007–2011 ($\bar{x}$) and the percent change between 2012 and 2011 (ΔYR) and the 2007–2011 average (ΔAV).

	Abundance					Use Days				
Species and Regions	**2011**	**2012**	$\bar{x}$	Δ_{YR}	Δ_{AV}	**2011**	**2012**	$\bar{x}$	Δ_{YR}	Δ_{AV}
American Wigeon (*Anas americana*)										
Illinois River	7,435	1,660	5,158	-78	-68	194,365	40,860	156,205	-79	-74
Central Mississippi River	1,845	1,400	4,134	-24	-66	38,198	55,040	110,926	44	-50
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	8,730	2,390	7,792	-73	-69	232,563	95,900	266,034	-59	-64
Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)										
Illinois River	32,975	54,590	30,528	66	79	1,213,788	2,579,435	1,024,850	113	152
Central Mississippi River	32,700	39,465	30,076	21	31	894,380	1,775,718	947,519	99	87
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	65,675	89,420	59,331	36	51	2,108,168	4,355,153	1,977,739	107	120
Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)										
Illinois River	22,180	27,785	12,857	25	116	627,825	1,360,435	403,735	117	237
Central Mississippi River	10,800	13,100	4,843	21	170	260,973	643,608	125,012	147	415
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	26,420	37,085	14,274	40	160	888,798	2,004,043	523,799	125	283
Dabbling Ducks (*Anatini*)										
Illinois River	261,835	583,370	216,993	123	169	15,611,673	19,802,470	11,132,107	27	78
Central Mississippi River	303,445	424,905	290,389	40	46	11,298,728	15,025,683	9,858,247	33	52
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	513,115	1,008,275	482,234	97	109	26,910,400	34,828,153	20,984,599	29	66
Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*)										
Illinois River	2,255	3,950	3,015	75	31	63,843	76,683	65,071	20	18
Central Mississippi River	26,925	42,660	22,432	58	90	505,455	1,167,888	451,867	131	158
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	28,035	44,445	25,061	59	77	569,298	1,244,570	517,288	119	141
Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*)										
Illinois River	14,570	24,000	13,953	65	72	388,273	877,260	455,158	126	93
Central Mississippi River	13,300	26,905	31,415	102	-14	340,875	822,035	809,754	141	2
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	27,870	50,905	43,638	83	17	729,148	1,699,295	1,264,565	133	34
Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*)										
Illinois River	1,950	5,710	1,843	193	210	53,220	88,850	42,451	67	109
Central Mississippi River	71,440	138,400	58,875	94	135	1,292,528	966,048	1,230,344	-25	-21
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	71,900	140,710	59,598	96	136	1,345,748	1,054,898	1,273,746	-22	-17
Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)										
Illinois River	32,975	54,590	30,528	66	79	1,213,788	2,579,435	1,024,850	113	152
Central Mississippi River	32,700	39,465	30,076	21	31	894,380	1,775,718	947,519	99	87
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	65,675	89,420	59,331	36	51	2,108,168	4,355,153	1,977,739	107	120
Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)										
Illinois River	22,180	27,785	12,857	25	116	627,825	1,360,435	403,735	117	237
Central Mississippi River	10,800	13,100	4,843	21	170	260,973	643,608	125,012	147	415
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	26,420	37,085	14,274	40	160	888,798	2,004,043	523,799	125	283
Dabbling Ducks (*Anatini*)										
Illinois River	261,835	583,370	216,993	123	169	15,611,673	19,802,470	11,132,107	27	78
Central Mississippi River	303,445	424,905	290,389	40	46	11,298,728	15,025,683	9,858,247	33	52
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	513,115	1,008,275	482,234	97	109	26,910,400	34,828,153	20,984,599	29	66
Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*)										
Illinois River	2,255	3,950	3,015	75	31	63,843	76,683	65,071	20	18
Central Mississippi River	26,925	42,660	22,432	58	90	505,455	1,167,888	451,867	131	158
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	28,035	44,445	25,061	59	77	569,298	1,244,570	517,288	119	141
Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*)										
Illinois River	14,570	24,000	13,953	65	72	388,273	877,260	455,158	126	93
Central Mississippi River	13,300	26,905	31,415	102	-14	340,875	822,035	809,754	141	2
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	27,870	50,905	43,638	83	17	729,148	1,699,295	1,264,565	133	34
Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*)										
Illinois River	1,950	5,710	1,843	193	210	53,220	88,850	42,451	67	109
Central Mississippi River	71,440	138,400	58,875	94	135	1,292,528	966,048	1,230,344	-25	-21
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	71,900	140,710	59,598	96	136	1,345,748	1,054,898	1,273,746	-22	-17
Redhead (*Aythya americana*)										
Illinois River	640	0	287	-100	-100	12,090	0	3,898	-100	-100
Central Mississippi River	770	365	937	-53	-61	8,900	5,018	14,387	-44	-65
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	770	365	1,076	-53	-66	20,990	5,018	18,772	-76	-73

Aerial surveys in Illinois show that Redhead numbers were much lower in 2012 compared with 2011. Photo provided.

Aerial surveys in Illinois show that Blue-winged Teal numbers were much higher in 2012 compared with 2011. Photo taken at Heron County Park, Vermilion County, in 2011 by Bob Schifo.

Table 1, *continued.*

	Abundance					Use Days				
Species and Regions	**2011**	**2012**	$\bar{x}$	Δ_{YR}	Δ_{AV}	**2011**	**2012**	$\bar{x}$	Δ_{YR}	Δ_{AV}
Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)										
Illinois River	12,850	23,575	11,837	83	99	503,960	863,700	355,416	71	143
Central Mississippi River	26,050	27,550	14,868	6	85	634,860	820,793	387,593	29	112
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	31,775	43,960	23,828	38	84	1,138,820	1,684,493	739,572	48	128
Common (Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*)										
Illinois River	300	4,165	1,634	1,288	155	1,450	12,250	13,276	745	-8
Central Mississippi River	14,440	11,975	8,473	-17	41	41,765	236,128	91,755	465	157
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	14,740	13,385	9,089	-9	47	43,215	248,378	105,031	475	136
Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*)										
Illinois River	710	1,205	1,034	70	17	10,840	31,180	15,634	188	99
Central Mississippi River	5,865	5,985	3,769	2	59	111,128	95,995	68,264	-14	41
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	6,165	7,190	4,359	17	65	121,968	127,175	83,898	4	52
Diving ducks (*Aythya, Oxyura, and Bucehpala*)										
Illinois River	24,985	48,285	26,116	93	85	1,033,675	1,949,923	1,011,156	89	93
Central Mississippi River	106,375	179,585	103,886	69	73	2,935,510	4,113,903	3,264,717	40	26
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	113,405	196,215	123,192	73	59	3,969,185	6,063,825	4,273,877	53	42
Total mergansers (*Mergini*)										
Illinois River	1,755	4,745	2,159	170	120	15,518	28,570	9,951	84	187
Central Mississippi River	5,915	24,610	9,969	316	147	40,020	6,545	55,424	-84	-88
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	7,325	28,775	11,702	293	146	55,538	35,115	65,374	-37	-46
Total ducks										
Illinois River	286,920	617,565	239,912	115	157	16,660,865	21,780,963	12,092,961	31	80
Central Mississippi River	380,025	531,040	384,240	40	38	14,274,258	19,146,130	12,967,633	34	48
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	611,005	1,148,605	602,945	88	90	30,935,123	40,927,093	25,052,842	32	63
Greater White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*)										
Illinois River	5,985	9,880	2,610	65	279	15,678	84,025	20,900	436	302
Central Mississippi River	4,000	1,975	1,937	-51	2	18,540	35,168	24,527	90	43
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	9,985	11,430	4,335	14	164	34,218	119,193	45,352	248	163
Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*)										
Illinois River	7,990	22,870	19,686	186	16	277,780	307,510	275,007	11	12
Central Mississippi River	7,495	8,910	12,645	19	-30	313,358	373,300	302,782	19	23
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	15,485	31,525	31,279	104	1	591,138	680,810	576,898	15	18
Snow Goose (*Chen caerulescens*)										
Illinois River	1,100	17,000	568	1,445	2,893	7,615	79,865	5,862	949	1,263
Central Mississippi River	9,100	6,600	4,770	-27	38	25,900	133,865	61,038	417	119
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	10,200	21,010	5,509	106	281	33,515	213,730	66,900	538	219
American Coot (*Fulica americana*)										
Illinois River	158,285	104,100	94,281	-34	10	4,358,988	4,061,745	3,188,200	-7	27
Central Mississippi River	24,745	39,360	19,042	59	107	607,763	1,790,895	637,869	195	181
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	175,040	132,040	110,451	-25	20	4,966,750	5,852,640	3,795,042	18	543

First Illinois Record ... The Wandering Tattler

BY MATTHEW LIGAS

On 8 August 2012, online news showed the weather and wind pattern being conducive to good birding the next day along the Chicago lakefront. Because of the weather discussion on the Illinois Birders Forum, I spent most of the morning of 9 August at the Montrose dunes hoping to observe jaegers or rare gulls. Not seeing anything interesting at all, I walked back to my car and was getting ready to leave; then, I saw a flyover Bonaparte's Gull (Chroicocephalus philadelphia), the first I had seen for early fall at Montrose. I decided to walk back to the beach and dunes to see if I could re-find the Bonaparte's Gull. That's when I ran into Steve Spitzer who was also birding the beach.

Spitzer's first words to me were something like, "It's amazingly slow," since all he had seen were the more common gulls and a few Sanderlings (Calidris alba). I told him I had just seen a Bonaparte's Gull so I was going to stick around a while. Steve continued to scan through the gulls and I watched out over the lake. That's when I saw a dark bird fly low along the beach and land on the Montrose fish hook pier. I went over to where Steve was and pointed out the bird. We both started taking pictures. The bird hung out on the west edge of the pier for a minute and then flew to the east edge before flying away. We lost sight of the bird as it flew off. We observed the bird for fewer than two minutes.

Steve and I talked about the bird and looked at our cameras but we weren't sure what we had seen. We considered Red Knot (Calidris canutus) but thought that it was more like a Willet (Tringa semipalmata). We decided to view the photos on a computer, thinking we'd see nothing more than a Willet.

Steve got home and posted some pictures to the Illinois Birders Forum--looking for identification help. Greg Neise immediately responded that it looked like a Wandering Tattler (Tringa incana) and word spread from there. Many birders checked the northeast Illinois lakefront the next couple of days but the Wandering Tattler was never seen again.

Identification

A few birders mentioned that identification of this bird would need to rule out Gray-tailed Tattler (Tringa brevipes). Luckily, the tattler Steve and I photographed was in breeding plumage which made separation from Gray-tailed relatively straightforward. The Montrose tattler had heavy barring on the underside which included the undertail coverts. On Gray-tailed, the barring would be fine and not include the undertail. The Montrose tattler's white "eyebrow" ended at the eye whereas a Gray-tailed would have a more prominent rear supercilium. We were confident this was a Wandering Tattler and not Gray-tailed. I knew nothing of this at the time but have since studied both species in The Shorebird Guide by O'Brien et al. (2006), confirming the identification with diagnostic field marks from our photos. Our photos are on file with the Illinois Ornithological Records committee who have confirmed and accepted this record by photographic evidence (see article in this issue.)

Fall/winter distribution and other records

The normal fall and winter distribution for Wandering Tattler is along the Pacific coast of North America largely determined by presence of suitable rocky habitat with the tattler occurring from southern British Columbia south to Peru. The tattler is rather common on Clipperton Island, Cocos Island, Malpelo Island and the Galápagos Islands. There are uncommon records from eastern Australia and rare records for Japan (Gill et al. 2002). There are only about 15 records away from the Pacific. The most notable of these are Massachusetts (May 1968), Ontario (August 1948, July 1960 and June 1977), Manitoba (June 1981), Texas (April 1992), Arizona (September 1971) and Utah (September 2005) (Neise 2012). There are apparently also records for Alberta and eastern Washington and eastern Oregon (Gill 2002). This sighting represents the first record of this species for Illinois.

Wandering Tattler.
Montrose Beach, Cook County.
9 August 2012.
Photo by Matthew Ligas

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A special thanks to Steven Spitzer for taking additional photographs of this rare shorebird with me. Also, I must thank Adam Sell for questioning the original Willet identification and a great deal of thanks must go to Greg Neise who first identified this rare shorebird and to the Illinois Birder's Forum participants who weighed in on the identification of the Wandering Tattler.

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Eighteenth Report of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

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Evaluations by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC or "the Committee") are reported here for a total of 31 records, including 29 accepted records of 20 species, one unaccepted record of one species, and one unaccepted historical record, resubmitted after two observers examined the specimen. A total of 51 observers contributed reports, including descriptions and photographs documenting these records. We continue to follow the conventions used in the first seventeen reports of the Committee (Stotz 2012). The records below are divided into two groups: Accepted and Unaccepted. The Accepted group is further divided into First State Records, Review List Records and Other Records. Nomenclature, English names and sequence of species conform to that of the seventh edition of the American Ornithologist's Union checklist, (1998) and its supplements, through the 53rd (Chesser et al. 2012).

Accepted records are entered with the locality, including county, the date, the IORC record number (in parentheses, the year of initial observation followed by a serial number), and the initials of the primary observer(s) who contributed specimens, descriptions, and/or photographs. Similar information is provided for unaccepted records, except the observers remain anonymous, and a brief explanation of why the record was not accepted is given. The initials of a contributor without any further modification indicate that they contributed solely written documentation. When additional information was provided, a colon follows the observer's initials with the following codes: ph for photographic evidence, v for video, s for sound recording, and sp for a specimen. Many contributing photographers also submitted written documentation, a practice that the Committee strongly encourages. If the observer who first discovered the bird is known to the committee, their initials are set off from the initials of other contributors by a semicolon. Initial observers who did not submit documentation are not always listed. For specimen records, a # follows an abbreviation for the institution holding the specimen, along with that institution's catalog number of the specimen if available.

The Committee continues to encourage all observers of rare birds to submit documentation, even when multiple observers are involved in a sighting. Some records are deemed unacceptable due to incomplete information, which can often be resolved by additional documentation. Photos are of course invaluable resources for the Committee, but there are times when a tricky ID can be resolved from written details not depicted in photos. Additionally, submitting documentation directly to the Committee, even if it involves strictly photos, resolves some ambiguity regarding copyright issues, etc. and is appreciated. It only takes a few moments to attach photos to an e-mail, and is greatly appreciated. Photos won't be republished without express permission, although there is hope to have any evidence submitted available in a searchable format eventually. Please see the field notes section of this issue for more photos of some of the entries below.

The Committee does not always take a position on the age or sex of a bird, and any such information given may be the observer's opinion, rather than the Committee's. All other remarks are the author's, although most of the information comes from the Committee files, which are now stored in Chicago, Illinois, in the Bird Division of the Field Museum.

In those cases where there are discrepancies between the details presented here and other published records, the data provided here represent the Committee's best assessment of all

Accepted Records

New State Records
(two records of two species)

Wandering Tattler (*Tringa incana*) One well-photographed at Montrose Harbor in Chicago, Cook Co. on 9 Aug. 2012. (2012.026; ML:ph; SS:ph). This is the first accepted record for Illinois. See a detailed account in this issue.

Wandering Tattler. Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 9 August 2012. Photo by Matthew Ligas.

White-crested/Small-billed Elaenia (*Elaenia albiceps/parvirostris*) One very well-photographed at Douglas Park, Chicago, Cook Co. 17-22 April (2012.007; AG:ph, EtG:ph; JL:ph, MF:ph, NG:ph, MB:ph, NL:ph, RS:ph, BT:ph, SI:v, CB:ph, JG:ph, KK:ph, JH:ph, LR:ph). The Committee voted unanimously to accept this bird as an Elaenia sp., while seeking additional advice on the identification to species. Regardless of species, this is the first accepted record of any elaenia in Illinois. See Meadowlark 22: for a detailed account.

Review List Species

(27 records of 18 species)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) Two at Mermet Lake, Massac Co., 3 May 2012 (2012.011; JS:ph; GK:ph). One at Springfield, Sangamon Co., 1-29 July 2012 (2012.024; HB:ph)

Brant (*Branta bernicla*) One at Lake Renwick, Will Co., 25-28 Nov 2010 (2010.024;DS; BH:ph, EW:ph)

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*) One male at Lake Sangchris, Sangamon Co., 6 April 2012 (2012.009; HB:ph)

Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*) One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 1 June 2012 (2012.017; DK:ph)

Barrow's Goldeneye (Bucephala islandica) One male at Skokie Lagoons, Cook Co., 3 Feb – Mar 6 2012 (2012.002; GG; BH:ph, JG:p, SC:ph)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) One at Emiquon NWR, Fulton Co., 29 July – 1 Aug 1010 (2010.026; GN:p, ASi, KR). One at Calumet Park, Chicago, Cook Co., 11-27 April 2012 (2012.008; AA:ph)

Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*) One immature at Rend Lake, Jefferson Co., 12-15 Aug 2012 (2012.033; LH:ph)

Reddish Egret. Rend Lake, Jefferson County. 12 August 2012. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

White Ibis (*Eudocimus alba*) Two immatures at Cahokia Mounds, St. Clair Co., 23 July – 7 Aug 2010 (2010.023; BR:ph). One immature at Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 4-8 Aug 2012 (2012.025; KM; ASm:ph)

White Ibis. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 8 August 2012. Photo by Al Smith.

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*) 18 April 2012 (2012.010; MSe:p), 13 July 2012 (2012.022; JM:p), 23 July 2012 (2012.023; MWi:ph, TH)

Ruff. Swan Lake, Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge. Calhoun County. 13 July 2012. Photo by Jim Montjoy.

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*) One adult at Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 15 Jan – 7 Feb 2012 (2012.016; DK:ph; CD:ph). One at Clinton Lake, DeWitt Co., 14 April 2012 (2012.006; GL) Photos were taken of this bird, by an anonymous photographer. The Committee would appreciate any information on the identity of that photographer.

Mew Gull (*Larus canus*) One at North Point Marina, Lake Co., 12 – 21 Jan 2012 (2012.003; BeS; PS:ph, GN:ph, AG:ph)

Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*) One adult at Calumet Park, Chicago, Cook Co., 30 Dec. 2010 – 30 Jan 2011 (2010.028; DJ; AA:p, MSc:ph) This bird spent most of its time in Indiana, but was photographed on the Illinois side of the state line on several occasions.

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisea*) One at Emiquon NWR, Fulton Co., 25 June 2012 (2012.021;EG; AG:ph)

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) One at Montrose Point, Chicago, Cook Co., 1 April 2012 (2012.005; RC:ph)

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) One in Coles Co. first spotted 3 Nov 2012. It was joined by a second bird on 17 Jan 2013, and sightings of two birds continued to 8 Mar 2013. The last sighting of a single individual was on 14 Mar 2013. (2012.032; TF:ph). One at Sidney, Champaign Co., 31 Jan – 12 April 2012 (2012.001; BoS:ph)

Prairie Falcon. Arcola, Douglas County. 3 November 2012. Photo by Tyler Funk.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) One bird photographed at Illinois Beach State Park, Lake Co. 23 Nov 2012 (2012.034; VB:ph)

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) Buckhorn Township, Brown Co., 5 – 15 May 2012 (2012.013; MWa:ph). Four birds, thought to be a family group, at Siloam Springs SP, Adams Co. 23 June 2012 (2012.020; JE:ph)

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) One male at North Fork Conservation Area, McHenry Co. 7 – 17 June 2012 (2012.018; DM; KL:ph, DW:ph, KK:ph)

Non-Review List Records

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) One at Lake Villa, Lake Co., 3-13 Mar 2012 (2012.004; GWT:ph)

Unaccepted Records

Western Gull (*Larus occidentalis*) One immature bird, 19 Oct – 17 Nov 1927 (1927.00). Examination of this specimen by Robert Hughes and Amar Ayyash convinced the Committee that this bird was actually a Glaucous-winged X Western Gull hybrid, and the decision to reject the record as Western Gull and thereby remove Western Gull from the state list was unanimous.

Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*) One SY bird photographed and well-documented at North Point Marina, 2 Jun 2011 (2011.031) While the documentation on this bird was excellent, the Committee felt that the very worn state of the plumage and the current state of knowledge regarding identifying this species at such an age made it impossible to rule out other possible species.

available information. We have not generally commented on records that are published elsewhere with more limited data than contained here. The Committee accepts responsibility for any inaccuracies or misrepresentations of information herein. Errors that come to our attention will be published as corrigenda in a future IORC report.

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Review List:

The review list includes species for which the Committee will review all records, or all records outside of some determined region or range of dates within the state. Generally, these are species that average two or fewer records per year in the state or which are extremely rare in all but a few counties. The current review list was approved at the 21 September 2008 committee meeting. IORC requests and welcomes evidence concerning all records for those species listed on the review list on the IOS website: www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html.

In addition, any species not listed in the checklist of Illinois state birds (IORC 1999, also available at http://www.illinoisbirds.org//birds_of_illinois.html) should be documented. Documentation of out of season records and first state nesting records should be sent to the seasonal editor of the Field Notes in the Meadowlark. These may be considered by the Committee, as well as those submitted for the Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count.

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Field Notes:

The 2012 Fall Migration

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Illustration of Golden-crowned Sparrow by Matt McKim-Louder.

Douglas F. Stotz for a decade, fall 2002 through fall 2011, compiled the fall field notes for the *Meadowlark*. His insightful notes on the distributional trends during the fall migration of birds throughout the state were received by so many new birders, seasoned birders, and professional ornithologists alike. His sifting out of significant data points during each of the those seasons simply made for a better journal. From noting rarities like Sooty Tern, Grace's Warbler, Green-tailed Towhee, and so many other avian waifs which occurred during his tenure to issues like West Nile Virus, conservation concerns, effects of weather on migrants like hurricane-borne species, birds ahead of or behind a weather front, numerical spikes or irruptions of certain species, and more--Doug always gave us great reflective and scientific notes. Thank you Doug—very much for all your hard work and professionalism—it has been sincerely appreciated.

Extreme hot and dry conditions can best describe the beginning of the autumnal field season. Chicago and Rockford recorded their warmest summers on record. The 2012 year was the fifth driest year on record and second warmest for Illinois and the state was in a significant drought right up to the beginning of fall migration. Groundwater levels were 2 feet below normal and streamflow and water surface levels were below normal. However, by the end of August temperatures were near normal, plus an enormous amount of rainfall occurred in the central and southern parts of state due to Hurrican Isaac thus ending Illinois's drought in most areas of the state by September and October and putting the state—at least—in a recovery stage from the drought (Illinois State Water Survey, Aug-Oct 2012, Illinios State Climatologist). A positive effect of the early unseasonably hot weater and drought was the dry shorelines of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers providing an ample amount of exposed mudflats to hold hundreds if not thousands of migrating shorebirds.

The most outstanding rarity to be found this fall was the state's first **WANDERING TATTLER** discovered at Montrose's fish hook pier by Matthew Ligas. (See IORC report in this issue). Both Matthew Ligas and Steve Spitzer photographed this amazing interior North American record. See a more complete account in this journal. Other notable rarities included a **BRANT** at IBSP, **REDDISH EGRET** at Rend Lake, **WHITE IBISes** at Burkesville Lakes and Carlyle Lake, **SWALLOW-TAILED KITES** at three locations, a **FERRUGINOUS HAWK** at GVHW, a **RUFF** at Rice Lake State CA, **LITTLE GULL** at Lake Springfield, **WHITE-WINGED DOVE** at IBSP, **BURROWING OWL** at Montrose, two **RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRDS**, **PRAIRIE FALCON** in Douglas Co, a **SAY'S PHOEBE** at IBSP, two **ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHERS** at separate locations, several reports of **CAVE SWALLOWS** in northern Illinois, a **BEWICK'S WREN** in Sangamon Co, a **VARIED THRUSH** at MArb, a banded **SAGE THRASHER** in Winnebago Co, three **BOHEMIAN WAXWING** reports, a first southern Illinois **GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW** in Wayne Co, two **HOARY REDPOLL** reports, and finally--multiple **EVENING GROSBEAK** reports. As always it should be noted that several of the above rarities are still subject to a final review by IORC.

Ducks through Hawks

Many observers lamatented the tardy arrival of arctic geese. Nevertheless, the 30,000 Snow Geese and 12 Ross's Geese at Carlyle Lake and 2,250 Cackling Geese at Rocelle in Ogle Co were noteworthy. A rare flyby Brant was noted at IBSP. Shovelers, Northern Pintail, Green-winged and Blue-winged Teal were noted in good numbers along the Illinois River Valley. Most remarkable were the 50,000 Lesser Scaup at Carlyle Lake in November. The only Harlequin Duck was a one day wonder at Montrose. All three scoters made good showing with a particularly good day at GillsonP on 28 Oct with seven Surf, 85 White-winged, and 28 Black Scoters seen by multiple observers. Common Mergansers barely made it into the state with a maximum count of only 12 in Kendall Co on 18 Nov.

Conspicuous by their near absence were low numbers of game birds except for, perhaps, Wild Turkey reported in 43 counties. There were only two Pacific Loons reports: one in Tazewell Co and another (the same bird?) in Woodford Co. The early arrival of a Red-necked Grebe on LSpfld on 10 Oct was noteworthy as one of 4-5 reports. Only three Eared Grebes were noted and at least 4 Western Grebes were noted this season with a Jo Daviess Co bird being a bit extraordinary. Two Neotropic Cormorants were noted: one at IBPS and the other downstate at Carlyle Lake both in Sep. The "whiteness" of 7,400 American White Pelicans at HennepinL must have been extraordinary. The post-breeding dispersals of Snowy Egrets and Little Blue Herons during the dry August was very substantial and 88 Cattle Egrets noted at Emiquon was a good tally. The REDDISH EGRET at Rend Lake, a first well documented occurrence (by photograph) for southern Illinois certainly was one of the finest finds in the waterbirds department. There were too few reports of Yellow-crowned Night-Herons perhaps more difficult to detect in fall. A report of three adult White Ibis at Burkesville Lakes (Monroe Co)

and another at Carlyle Lake were excellent finds. The fall hawk migration at IBHW and GVHW was rather mediocre, however, there were some very interesting observations including Greene Valley's first (imm.) FERRUGINOUS Hawk plus a Swainson's Hawk at GVHW and IBHW plus four other locations. IBHW noted its first SWALLOW-TAILED KITE, another SWALLOW-TAILED KITE was noted at Middlefork Savanna, and still another at Homer Lake in Champaign Co. Up to four Mississippi Kites were noted at IBHW early in the season. Thirty-three Bald Eagles noted at HennepinL was an excellent number for August. The 2,564 Broad-winged Hawks at GVHW was the maximum. Six Golden Eagles were reported state-wide with the southernmost being at Carlyle Lake.

Rails through Woodpeckers

There were only two Yellow Rail reports both at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co).

A remarkable Sandhill Crane flight occurred when over 20,000+ cranes passed through northeastern Illinois on 23 Nov. Five sightings of Whooping Cranes presumed to be from the "flight schools" and the re-introduction program were noteworthy as mostly fly-overs.

Shorebirds were noted in good to excellent numbers this season perhaps largely due to the extensive drought and draw-downs of lakes and shorelines. Emiquon now appears to be the center for Black-necked Stilts with a maximum of 15 there in early August. A maximum count of 36 American Avocets at Turtle Lake Adams Co were noteworthy as well as the late departing date of two at Emiquon on 25 Nov. Three Piping Plovers were noted this fall. It bares repeating but the WANDERING TATTLER at Montrose on 9 August was the standout rarity report of this fall season. The 29 Willets at Montrose was the maximum count. A shorebird species of special concern is the Upland Sandpiper; thus the six at Rockford Intl Airport was noteworthy this fall. Inland Whimbrels were at Lake Decatur and LaSalle Lake FWA. A RUFF at Rice Lake CA was a rarity for the Illinois River Valley. Both godwits were noted throughout the state but the 50 Hudsonian Godwits at Carlyle Lake, Fayette Co on 13 Aug must have flabbergasted the observers! Ruddy Turnstone and Red Knot fall counts seem to be on the decline—the max count for turnstones was 14 at Montrose and there were only two knot reports. The 150 Stilt Sandpipers certainly was an outstanding number tallied for early October. The maximum count of Sanderlings was 44 at Montrose. Buff-breasted Sandpiper certainly made an outstanding showing this season with at least 22 county reports with a maximum count of 33 at Rend Lake. Least Sandpipers and Pectoral Sandpipers were in excellent numbers along the Illinois River Valleys. The 25 Western Sandpipers at Carlyle Lake on 22 Jul was an excellent tally for a difficult to detect fall migratory shorebird in Illinois. The 300 Long-billed Dowitchers at Chautauqua NWR was a very good tally. American Woodcocks were stressed by the drought conditions and many birds were seen in unusual locations including backyard sprinkling systems.

All three phalaropes put on a good showing this fall with Red-necked Phalaropes being reported in 18 counties with a maximum of 31 at Sawmill Lake (Putnam Co) along the Illinois River Valley.

Only one identifiable jaeger was noted: an apparent Parasitic Jaeger at GillsonP. The only kittiwake report was an individual at Montrose in early November. There were five Sabine's Gull reports from the Mississippi River, Illinois River and Lake Springfield. The 10,000 Bonapartes Gulls at Lake Carlyle must have been a spectacular sight. The only LITTLE GULL sighting was of an adult at Lake Springfield in late Nov. Seven Laughing Gulls were reported and Franklin's Gulls were noted in 19 counties with a maximum of 100 at Carlyle Lake. An adult California Gull was noted at Carlyle Lake. Lesser Black-backed Gulls certainly are on the rise with eight reported at the Lake County Fairgrounds. The only Glaucous Gull report was of an adult at Loyola Park on the Chicago lakefront. The first cycle Great Black-backed Gull at Carlyle Lake was noteworthy. A Least Tern was in Madison Co. A widespread Black Tern movement was noted this fall with reports in 21 counties with a maximum count of 200 at Carlyle Lake. Eurasian Collared-Doves are still on the rise with reports in 43 counties. A WHITE-WINGED DOVE was at IBSP. Cuckoos exited the state barely being noticed. There was only one report of a Snowy Owl that of an injured imm. male in DeKalb Co. A BURROWING OWL made a two day appearance at Montrose remarkably widely separated by more than a week. Northern Saw-whet Owls staged an excellent movement into our state with a maximum total of 28 at Sand Bluff Observatory. Common Nighthawks were not so common this fall. 2,500 Chimney Swifts staging at Bloomington must have been a swirling sight to behold! Staging numbers of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in southern Illinois can be staggering; so, 158 in Monroe County was remarkable. There were two confirmed RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRDS in Illinois both of which were banded by Vernon M. Kleen with an additional *Selasphorus sp.* being reported. A welcoming note were that Red-headed Woodpeckers were reported in 66 counties.. Noteworthy also were Pileated Woodpecker observations in 55 counties. A PRAIRIE FALCON was a rare falcon noted in Douglas Co. Forty-four Merlins was the maximum count this fall for the IBHW and a very early Merlin was noted on 12 Aug in Sangamon Co. DuPage and Cook Co are the hold out counties for Monk Parakeet with a maximum count of 50 parakeets at JacksonP, a major population center for this introduced species.

Passerines

Flycatchers are difficult to detect during fall migration; so the 21 Eastern Wood-Pewees at HennipinL were noteworthy as well as the Olive-sided Flycatchers noted in 19 counties this fall. This was a season of unusual flycatchers, too, with a SAY'S PHOEBE noted at IBSP, two ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHERS, two Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, and two Western Kingbirds. There were just six reports of Loggerhead Shrike. An early 23 Aug Blue-headed Vireo was noted in Carroll Co and a straggler on 1 Nov in Kane County was late. Crow and Blue Jay numbers seemed low this season. Purple Martin's numbers seem low with just 412 reported at Lake Springfield. Tree Swallow numbers in contrast were staggering with 20, 000 – 25,000 at Carlyle Lake. There were three CAVE SWALLOW reports along Lake Michigan with one diagnostic photo at IBSP-N Unit during the IBHW. A very tardy Northern Rough-winged Swallow was still in Kankakee Co till the end of the period. While many passerine numbers seemed to be low due to drought conditions or an early migration the 27 Sedge Wrens at Northerly Island was a remarkable number

in mid September. The BEWICK'S WREN in Sangamon Co on 12 & 27 Oct was a first fall record since 1981 and the latest fall date for that county. The thrush migration seemed better that normal. A late date for Swainson's Thrush was 26 Nov in Kankakee Co. A VARIED THRUSH stayed for about a week at MArb in early November. Northern Mockingbirds were noted in 36 counties. On 29 Sep a SAGE THRASHER was netted and banded at Sand Bluff Observatory, Winnebago Co. Longspur and Snow Bunting numbers seemed lower that normal and there was only one report of a Smith's Longspur.

Warblers seemed to be on the move early. Early dates noted were Northern Waterthrush: 2 Aug; Golden-winged Warbler: 11 Aug; Blue-winged Warbler: 2 Aug; Black-and White Warbler: 23 Jul; Tennessee Warbler: 2 Aug; Nashville Warbler: 11 Aug; Connecticut Warbler: 20 Aug; Mourning Warbler: 10 Aug; American Redstart: 5 Aug; Cape May Warbler: 12 Aug; Cerulean Warbler: 3 Aug; Northern Parula: 2 Aug; Magnolia Warbler: 12 Aug; Bay-breasted Warbler: 17 Aug; Blackburnian Warbler: 5 Aug; Chestnut-sided Warbler: 11 Aug; Black-throated Blue Warbler: 21 Aug; Palm Warbler: 22 Aug; Pine Warbler: 18 Aug; Yellow-rumped Warbler: 6 Aug; Black-throated Green Warbler: 5 Aug; Canada Warbler: 12 Aug; Wilson's Warbler: 12 Aug. A noteworthy late date for departure was 16-20 Oct for a Blue-winged Warbler at Montrose. Other tardy warblers included: Tennessee, 8 Nov; Nashville, 17 Nov; Black-and-white, 20 Oct; Common Yellowthroat, 24 Nov, Cape May, 7 Nov; Northern Parula, 20 Oct; Yellow Warbler, 10 Oct. Only one Spotted Towhee was noted in Mason Co. A Vesper Sparrow was tardy in Sangamon Co on 28 Nov. Henslow's Sparrows were reported in 16 counties this fall with a maximum count of 12 at Rollins Sav on 23 Sep. Very good numbers of both LeConte's and Nelson's Sparrows were reported this fall with a maximum count of 16 Nelson's at Rollins Sav. Harris's Sparrow were well noted this fall. The first southern Illinois record of GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW was an imm. in Wayne Co. A Summer Tanager at Montrose on 13 Nov certainly was tardy. A Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Nauvoo on 24 Nov was very tardy. A Yellow-headed Blackbird lingered until 10 Nov in Adams Co. 200 Brewer's Blackbirds at Carlyle Lake was noteworthy and seemingly Rusty Blackbirds were detected more often this fall. Orioles seemed to clear out quickly this fall with most orioles gone by late August. Eurasian Tree Sparrows are entrenched in the Central Illinois River valley with very good numbers reported there this fall.

Irruptive Species

In spite of the drought and early hot fall weather—winter finches made an excellent showing this fall! After nearly a decade of winter finch paucity (except for an excellent White-winged Crossbill irruption and siskin/redpoll invasion during the Winter of 2008/2009) many observers noted a "spectacular" irruption which seemed to develop rather early—as early as August-- particularly with Purple Finch, Red Crossbills, and siskins. White-winged Crossbills and Evening Grosbeaks came in early Nov and redpolls as early as the end of October with the finch irruption continuing into November and winter. The crossbills: both Red and White-winged, and Evening Grosbeaks, however, did not linger long. Along with the winter finches Red-breasted Nuthatches were ubiquitous, observers often noting them commonly in deciduous woods and often in record numbers for their observation sites; they, too, came early--during the first two weeks of August. Bohemian Waxwings--always noteworthy--were detected at

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	= earliest arrival(s)	1st cycle/	= first plumage cycle	P	= Park
MC	= maximum count(s)	2nd cycle/	= second plumage cycle …	Pr	= Prairie
LD	= latest departure(s)	CA	= Conservation Area	R	= River
*	= documented record	Co(s)	= County (Counties)	Res.	= Reservoir
m.ob.	= many observers	Crk	= Creek	SF	= State Forest
:ph	= photographed	FP	= Forest Preserve	SFWA	= State Fish and Wildlife Area
spec(s)	= specimen(s)	I	= Island	SHS	= State Historic Site
ad(s).	= adult(s)	L	= Lake	SNA	= State Natural Area
imm(s).	= immature(s)	L&D	= Lock & Dam	SP	= State Park
juv(s).	= juvenal(s)/juvenile(s)	NP	= Nature Preserve	Wds	= Woods
		NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge		

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Adams Wildlife Sanetuary	= Adams Wildlife Sanetuary, Springfield (Sangamon Co)	CarlL-C	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)
AMAX Wabash Mine	= AMAX Coal Company Wabash Mine, Keensburg (Wabash Co)	CarlL-F	= Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co)
AmnBot	= American Bottoms (Monroe County)	CBG	= Chicago Botanie Garden, Glenecoe (Cook Co)
Aroma Park	= Aroma Park (Kankakee Co)	Champaign	= Champaign (Champaign Co)
BakersL	= Bakers Lake, Barrington (Cook Co)	Chau	= Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Beall Wds	= Beall Woods State Park (Wabash Co)	Chi	= Chieago--exel. Jaekson Park, Lineoln Parks & Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
Bellrose Rsv	= Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)	CIPS L	= Central Illinois Publie Serviee Company Lake (Jasper Co)
Bloomington	= Bloomington (MeLean Co)	ChinqBl	= Chinquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co)
BraidwoodL	= Braidwood (Will Co)	ClearL	= Clear Lake (Mason Co)
CarlL	= Carlyle Lake (Bodd, Clinton, and Fayette Cos)	ClinL	= Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
CarlL-B	= Carlyle Lake (Bond Co)	COLSP	= Chain-o-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)

***Abbreviations for place names**, continued*

CONWR = Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
DYNL = Dick Young/Nelson Lake Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
ECapeGir = East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
EForkL = East Fork Lake (Richland Co)
Emiquon = The Nature Conservancy Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
EPSTP = El Paso Sewage Treatment Plant, El Paso (Woodford Co)
ESTL = East St. Louis (St Clair Co)
EwingP = Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co)
Fermi = Fermilab (DuPage Co)
FishHatchery = Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co)
Foley SPNP = Foley Sand Prairie Nature Preserve (Lee Co)
Ft. Massac Ft. = Massac State Park (Massac Co)
GLPSNA = Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
GrantP = Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
GLNTC = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
GreenR = Green River Conservation Area (Lee Co)
GreeneVal = Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
HennepinL = Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
Heron Pond = Heron Pond - Wildcat Bluff Nature Preserve, Upper Cache River Unit, Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
ICCA = Iroquois County Conservation Area (Iroquois Co)
JP = Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KLMSNA = Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
Larue-Pine Hills = Larue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area (Union Co)
LaSalleL = LaSalle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (LaSalle Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet area (Cook Co)
LeVasseurP = LeVasseur Park-Perry Farm, Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
LincP = Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
LostMound = Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge (Jo Daviess and Carroll Cos)
LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LShel = Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie Co)
L&D 13 = Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River (Whiteside Co)
MBC = Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co)
McGinnisSl = McGinnis Slough (sw. Cook Co)
MermetL = Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidSav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
MissPalis = Mississippi Palisades State Park (Carroll Co)
MomenceSod = Momence sod farms (Kankakee Co)
MomenceWet = Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co)
Montrose = Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Mskoda = Mskoda Sands Preserve, St. Anne Township (Kankakee Co)
Nachusa = Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NOND = Northern Ozark Natural Division, Mississippi River Blufflands (Monroe Co)
NoP = North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Oakwood Btms = Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co)
O'Fallon WTP = O'Fallon Wastewater Treatment Plant (St. Clair Co)
Palos = Palos area (sw. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Peabody = Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
PeacockM = marsh at Peacock Engineering Company warehouse, Bolinbrook (Will Co)
Pecatonica = Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) and near by forest preserves
Pembroke Twp = Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
Pomona = Pomona (Jackson Co)
PrRdg = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper & Marion Cos)
PrRdg-J = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
Quincy Bay = Quincy Bay, Quincy (Adams Co)
Rckfd = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RendL = Rend Lake (Franklin and Jefferson Cos)
RendL-F = Rend Lake (Franklin Co)
RendL-J = Rend Lake (Jefferson Co)
RockCut = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Ryerson = Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)
Sangchris = Sanchris Lake and Sangchris Lake State Park (Sangamon and Christian Cos)
SantaFe = Santa Fe Bottoms (s. Clinton Co)
ShabbonaL = Shabbona Lake State Park (DeKalb Co)
Shirland = Shirland (Winnebago Co)
Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
SpringL = Spring Lake (Tazewell Co)
StarvedRock = Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle County)
Tinley Crk = Tinley Crk Wetlands (s. Cook Co)
TOTSF = Trail of Tears State Forest (Union Co)
UCCA = Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
Wauk = Waukegan (Lake Co)
WhalonL = Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co)
WhisperingWillows = Whispering Willows Park and environs, Bourbonnais (Kankakee Co)
WinthropH = Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in italic type are counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proceed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end.

Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.).

three separate locations. Northern Shrikes staged an excellent migration in 11 counties with two reports in southern Illinois: one imm. at PrRdg-M and another photographed at Forbes SP by Leroy Harrison. Rough-legged Hawks staged a good movement into Illinois with a maximum count of 19 at IBHW in late November.

This summary of the fall or autumnal season would not be possible without the submission of sightings, field notes, and commentary by observers throughout the state. Those who supplied this information are listed below. The observers for individual records in the report are credited by including their initials immediately following mention of the record. The order of the list is alphabetic in relation to the observers' last name. In some cases, the cited observer is an organization or institution. Abbreviations for these are listed separately.

Organizations and Institutions:

CBCM	Chicago Bird Collision Monitors (data largely involving building strikes in Chicago)
FMNH	Field Museum of Natural History
GVHW	Greene Valley Hawk Watch (Greene Valley FP, compiled by Robert E. Fisher, et.al.)
IBHW	Illinois Beach Hawk Watch (Illinois Beach Hawk Watch, data from IBSP-North Unit, compiled by Vic Berardi, et. al.)
IORC	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
IOS	Illinois Ornithological Society: field trips
KCA	Kane County Audubon (field trips)
NPBW	North Pond Bird Walks: weekly surveys at North Pond in LincP, led and compiled by Geoffrey A. Williamson.

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Greater White-fronted Goose
EA: 23 Sep, Emiquon (EG, SZ); 2 Oct, Wolf Lake (Cook Co.) (WJM). **MC**: 150, Chain of Rocks Bridge area (Madison Co), 18 Nov (KAM); 126, Emiquon, 21 Oct (SZ).

Snow Goose
MC: 30,000 CarlL-C, 25 Nov (DMK); 2,000, Two Rivers NWR--Swan Lake (Calhoun Co.) (A, D & JMa). **EA**: 15 Sep, Fermilab (AMh).

Ross's Goose
MC: 12, CarlL-C, 22 Nov (KAM); 4Chautauqua NWR, 25 Nov (CDn). **EA**: 22 Sep, Henry (Marshall Co.) (EWr). Others reported in Lake, Will, Kendall, DuPage(2), Ogle, Menard, Warren, Sangamon, Clinton, Henry(2), and DeKalb Co(s).

Brant
IBSP, 25 Nov (JSS).

Greater White-fronted Goose.
Wolf Lake, Cook County. 2 October 2012.
Photo by Walter Marcisz.

Cackling Goose
MC: 2,250+, Rochelle (Ogle Co.) 16 Nov (EWW); 300 DeKalb NIU, 24-25 Nov, (NBr,NG), 200Meijer Pond, Kendall Co., 28 Nov (EGl). **EA**: 26 Aug, Rend Lake, Ward Branch (Jefferson) (KAM); 18 Sep (2) Lake Villa (RB); 18 Sep, Fermilab (LP, GP, MN).

Canada Goose
MC: 5000 Fermilab, 10-17 Nov, (DLw, ASA, m.obs.); 4520 Lake Villa (Lake Co) 18 Sep (RB); 2,500 Lake Renwick, 21 Oct (ASA).

Mute Swan
MC: 102, Banner Marsh FWA--Bell's Landing (Fulton Co.) 15 Oct (EC).

Trumpeter Swan
MC: 7, DYNL, 3 Nov, (TM); 6 near Lock & Dam 20 (Adams Co) 24 Nov (AR & PR).

Tundra Swan
MC: 32, IBSP, 24 Nov (FRM, m. obs.).

Wood Duck
MC: 750, Emiquon 28 July (KAM); 400, Emiquon, 4 Aug (JWk); 190, 20 Sep, Big Slough Boat Ramp (Carroll Co) (GN, APS); 114, HennepinL, 3 Aug. (DFS). **LD**: 29 Nov, Lock & Dam 13, Fulton (Whiteside Co.) (DHh).

Gadwall
MC: 2,910 Horseshoe Lake SP (Madison Co.) , 3 Nov (FH); 850, 25 Nov, Chautauqua NWR (CDn). **EA**: 21Aug, ClintonL (MEF).

American Wigeon
EA: 19 Aug, Lake Evergreen – Comlara Park (McLean Co.) (MJW). **MC**: 57, Lake Co., 8 Nov (BJS).

American Black Duck
MC: 19, McGinnisSl , 9 Nov (WJM).

Mallard
MC:80,000 CarlyleL, Clinton Co., 17-18 Nov (DMK); 3,012ClintonL, 30 Nov (MEF).

Blue-winged Teal
MC: 2,000 CarlyleL, Clinton Co., 7 Sep (DMK); 1,000 23 Sep, Emiquon (EGl). **LD**: 15 Nov, Chautauqua NWR (JR).

Northern Shoveler
MC: 8,000 Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 12 Nov (DMK).

Northern Pintail
MC: 2,000 Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 17 Nov (DMK); 1,000 Chautauqua NWR 9-10 Nov (SL, KAM); 1,000 Two Rivers NWR--Calhoun Wetlands (Calhoun Co.), 13 Nov (BSf).

Green-winged Teal
EA: 14 Aug, Montrose (BM); 14 Aug (5), Lake Co. Fairgrounds (ASl). **MC:** 2,400 Emiquon, 1 Nov (JW).

Canvasback
MC: 500 Lock & Dam 13, Fulton (Whiteside Co.), 29 Nov (DHh); 400, Carlyle Lake 25 Nov (DMK);

Redhead
MC: 400 Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 12 Nov (DMK); 300, IBSP, South Unit, Lake Co. (JLt).

Ring-necked Duck
MC: 2,000 Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co. 22 Nov (DMK).

Greater Scaup
MC: 300 IBSP, South Unit, Lake Co. 24 Nov (JLt).

Lesser Scaup
MC: 50,000 Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 12 Nov (DMK).

Harlequin Duck
12 Nov, Montrose (ASA, JWL,LM,ML). The only report.

Surf Scoter
EA: 12 Oct(2), ClintonL, DeWitt Co. **MC:** 15, North Point Marina, Lake Co. 1 Nov (BJS); IBSP, IBSP, South Unit, 3-4 Nov (8) (KAM, BJS). **Others:** 2-22 Nov(1), EF Lake (Richland Co.) (CLH); 3 Nov, Moraine View State Park, McLean (ASA, SZ); 3 Nov (3), Spring Bay Fen Nature Preserve (Woodford Co.) (DH, TH, BMu); 16 Nov, East Moline (Rock Island Co.) (EWW).

White-winged Scoter
EA: 26 Oct (4) LSpfld (HDB); 27 Oct(2), Lake Co. (BJS). **MC**: 85, GillsonP, 28 Oct (EGl); 41,. North Point Marina, Lake Co. 24 Nov (JLt). **Others:** 31 Oct-24 Nov, Lower Peoria Lake, Tazewell Co. (MJW, TH, DH, m.obs.); 9 Nov., Lock & Dam 12 (Jo Daviess Co.) (EWW, Andy Sigler); 17 Nov (3), Montrose (FRM, LGM, et.al.); 8 Nov CarlyleL Clinton Co. (DMK).

Black Scoter
MC & EA: 28, GillsonP, 28 Oct (EGl, JDW); 3, IBSP 28 Oct (BJS); 29 Oct, Carlyle Lake (EWW). **Others:** 1 Nov, IBSP (Keith McMullen); 4-5 Nov, Fermilab (PK, SAC, AFS, PM, m.obs.); 8 Nov (2), Lock & Dam 13, Fulton (Whiteside Co.) (DHh); 10-26 Nov, JP - 66th St. Harbors Chi; 22 Nov (4) Montrose (GAW).

Long-tailed Duck
EA: 28 Oct, GillsonP (JIE, JDW, EGl). **Others:** 6 Nov, EF Lake (Richland Co.) (CLH); 24 Nov (2), East Point Marina (Tazewell Co.) (PF, Ml, EC, m. obs.).

Bufflehead
EA: 28 Aug, juvenile, Whispering Willows Area (Kankakee Co.) (JBH). **MC:** 400, Chautauqua NWR, 25 Nov (CDn); 80, CarlyleL, 17 Nov (DMK); 60, Crainville Herrin Pond (Williamson Co.), 27 Nov (WW).

Common Goldeneye
EA: 28 Oct (11), GillsonP (RH, KM, EGl, JIE); 28 Oct (5), IBSP (BJS). **MC**: 300, CarlyleL 24-25 Nov (DMK, KAM); 120, ClintonL 24 Nov (KAM)..

Baltimore Oriole and Tennessee Warbler bathing at Montrose, Cook County. 21 August 2012. Photo by John Picken.

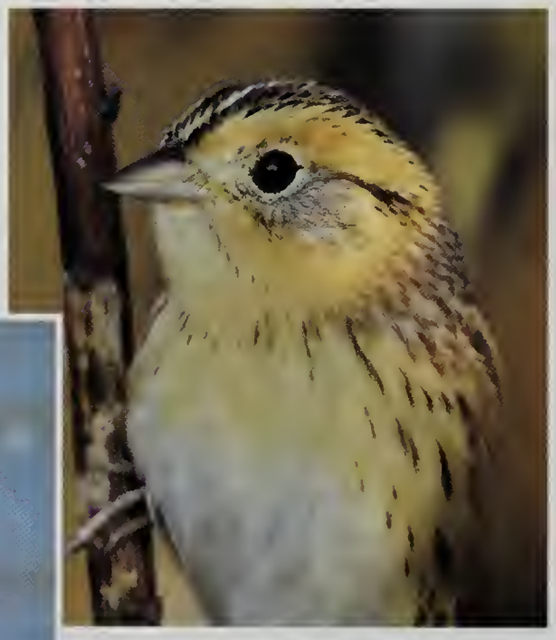
Photo Gallery:

Fall Migration

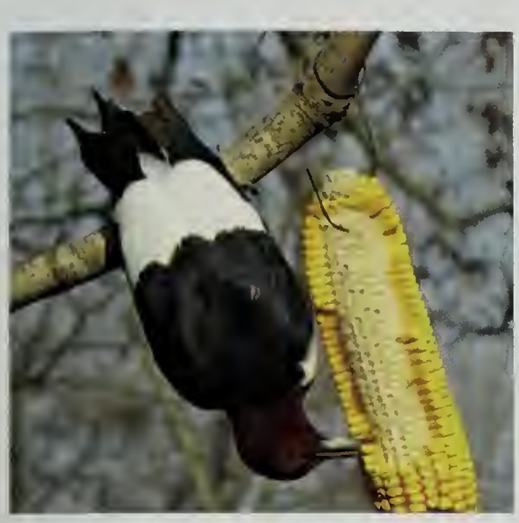
Peregrine Falcon. Montrose, Cook County. 17 November 2012. Photo by Brendon Lake.

Northern Parula. Montrose, Cook County. 16 September 2012. Photo by John Picken.

LeConte's Sparrow. Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area, Grundy County. 29 September 2012. Photo by Don Blecha.

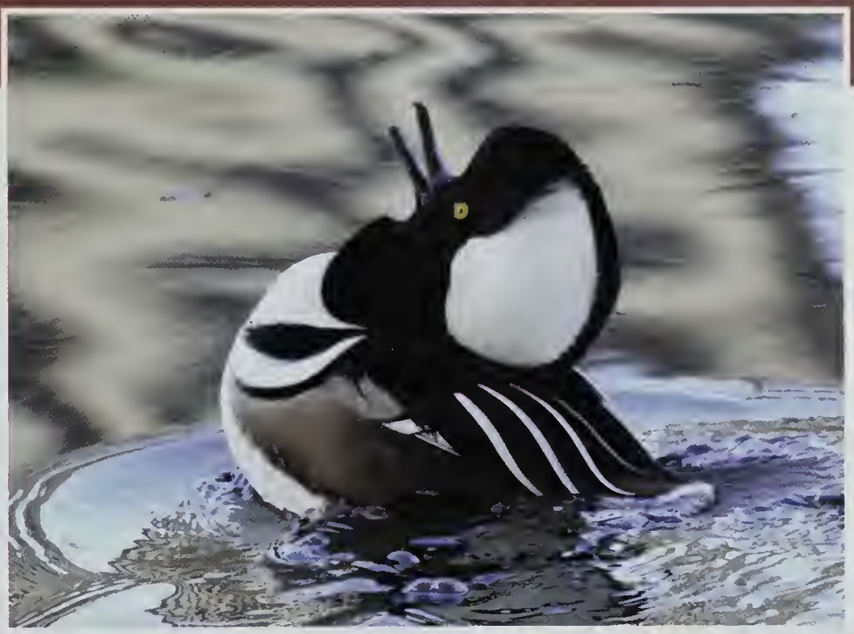


Sanderlings. Montrose, Cook County. 10 July 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.



Red-headed Woodpecker. Newtown Township, Livingston County. 14 November 2012. Photo by Joel Barickman.

Belted Kingfisher at Volo, Lake County. 5 August 2012. Photo by Ken Koontz.



Hooded Merganser. North Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 19 October 2012. Photo by Brendon Lake.

Red Crossbill. Swallow Cliff Forest Preserve, Cook County. 1 November 2012. Photo by Paul Dacko.

Snow Bunting. Loyola Beach, Cook County. 31 October 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Hooded Merganser
MC: 190, Saganashkee Slough west, 17 Nov (RLS); .176, ClintonL, 16 Nov (MEF); 120, CarlyleL 12 & 17 Nov (DMK).

Common Merganser
MC: 12, Hoover Forest Preserve (Kendall Co.) 18 Nov (ASA, LG).

Red-breasted Merganser
MC: 1,700 Montrose, 17 Nov (FRM, DKA, LGM, TFK); 1,096, Wilmette 23 Nov (Cook Co.) (CLW, GAW).

Great Blue Heron with Red-breasted Nuthatch in bill. North Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 20 September 2012. Photo by John Picken.

Ruddy Duck
MC: 3,000 Upper Peoria Lake (Woodford Co.) 3 Nov (BMu); 885 Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co.) 3 Nov (FRM).

Northern Bobwhite
MC: 12, Big River S.F. (Henderson Co.), 3 Nov - covey flushed from ag field (EWW). Reported in 20 counties in low numbers.

Ring-necked Pheasant
MC: 12, Moraine View State Park (McLean Co.), 17 Nov (TB). Reported in 23 counties in low numbers.

Greater Prairie-Chicken
MC: While no official count is made in fall—the Illinois population is in serious decline (pers. comm. CLH).

Wild Turkey
MC: 29, Evergreen Lake (McLean Co.) 16 Aug (TH); 24, (Adams Co) 18 Nov. (Pat R & PR). Reported in 43 counties.

Red-throated Loon
EA: 10-25 Oct, juvenile LSpfld, (HDB). **MC**: 4, 13 Nov, North Point Marina (AFS). **Others:** 24-26 Nov, ClintonL (DeWitt Co.) (MJW, TH, EWr).

Pacific Loon
Two Reports: 7 Nov (2), Upper Peoria Lake (Tazewell Co.) (MI); 10 Nov, Woodford Co. (KAM), possibly one of the same individuals from Tazewell Co.

Common Loon
MC: 165, GillsonP, (EGl, JDW). **EA**: 11 Oct., IBSP (EWW).

Pied-billed Grebe
MC: 167, Widewaters (Channahon), 21-29 Sep (DFS, JAS, m. obs.); 140, White Oak Park (Bloomington) (McLean Co.) 5 Oct (MJW): 107 ClintonL 5 Oct (MEF); 78, Wolf Lake, 27 Sep. (DFS).

Horned Grebe
EA: 29 Sep, CarlyleL (KAM); 1 Oct, Grant Park--Museum Campus (Chicago) (JIE). **MC**: 86, ClintonL 16 Nov (MEF); 60, CarlyleL. 19 Nov (BR)

Red-necked Grebe
EA: 10-27 Oct LSpfld (HDB). **Others:** 26-29 Oct. (1) Fermi Lab, (DuPage Co.) (PM, JAS, ASA, MD, AFS, APS, DBJ, m. obs.); 30 Nov(1) GillsonP (JWL, MMC); 18 Nov (1-2), Lake Co. lakefront inc. IBSP north unit (BJS,NT).

Eared Grebe
EA: 22 Aug (2 juv), LSfld (HDB). **LD**: 14-21 Oct(1), LSpfld, (HDB, ph.). 26 Sep (1), Moorman Swine Research Unit (Champaign) (NS, MSr). The only three reports.

Western Grebe
EA: 9 Nov., Lock & Dam 12 (Jo Daviess Co.) (EWW, ph.). **Others:** 11-13 Nov (1-2), Montrose (FRM, LGM, LM, SZ, MD, AFS, m.obs.); 22 Nov (1) Carlyle Lake (DMK); 27 Nov (1) Spring Bay Fen Nature Preserve Woodford Co. (TH, DH)..

Neotropic Cormorant
8 Sep, CarlyleL (Clinton Co.) (DMK, ph.); 10 Sep, IBSP (PSW, ph).

American White Pelicans feeding on exotic Asian carp. Big Lake, Fulton County. 25 August 2012. Photo by Wes Serafin.

Double-creasted Cormorant
MC: 8,000, 5-12 Aug, CarlL-F (DMK); 950, 26 Aug, LaSalle Lake FWA (La Salle Co.) (BC).

American White Pelican
MC: 7,400, Hennepin, 23 Aug. (DFS); 5,000, 24 Sep, Emiquon, (KAM); 2,500, 20 Sep, Big Slough Boat Ramp (GN, APS); 2,000, 25 Aug, CarlL-F (DMK); 2,000, 22 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK); **LD**: 27 Nov (2), Spring Bay Fen Nature Preserve (Woodford Co.) (TH). Reported in 43 counties.

American Bittern
EA: 5 Aug, McDonald Woods Forest Preserve (Lake Co.) (ASl). **LD**: 26 Oct, Montrose (TFK, DKA, ABB)

Least Bittern
MC: 5, Hennepin, 18 Aug. (JAS). **LD:** 5 Oct, Lincoln Park--North Pond (Chicago) (JIN).

Great Blue Heron
MC: 1200, 12 Aug, 25-26 Aug, CarlL-F (DMK)

Great Egret
MC: 3,200, Carlyle Lake 25-26 Aug (DMK); 430, Marshall Co, 17 Sep. (DFS)

Snowy Egret
MC: 21, RendL, Ward Branch (Jefferson Co.), 3 Aug (CLH, YJ); 21, O'Fallon Wastewater Treatment Facility (St Clair Co.), 8 Sep (C & JM). **LD**: 2 Oct (2), Horseshoe Lake SP, (Madison Co.) (FRH). **Others:** 15 Sep (7), Emiquon (AW), 2 Sep (11), ClinL-C (KAM), 9-11 Aug, Oswego (Kendall Co.) (Andrew Aldrich, DFS, AFS). Reported in 19 counties.

Little Blue Heron
MC: 10, HL SP, 5 Aug (EC); 10, 29 Aug, St. Clair Co. (KAM). **Others:** 1-11 Aug (5-7 juv). Lake Bloomington (McLean Co.) (TH, MJW, CT); 11 Aug, Oswego (Kendall Co.) (ASA, DFS, m. obs.); 19 Aug. (3), Hillsboro (Montgomery Co.) (EWW). 4 Aug (1-im) Fabyan Parkway Wetlands (DuPage Co) (BE, AFS, m.obs.). **LD**: 16 Sep, Emiquon (JIE, GN, AAA). Reported in 20 counties.

REDDISH EGRET
11-15 Aug, Rend Lake (Jefferson Co.) (CLH, RS, LS, PM, DTW, KAM, m.obs.). First accepted southern Illinois state record.

Black-crowned Night-Heron. Kaufman Lake, Champaign, Champaign County. 11 September 2012. Photo by Joel Tucker.

Cattle Egret
MC: 88, Emiquon, FlagL, 8 Aug, (JW). 7 Sept (1), LSpfld (HDB, JMq). Reported in only four counties.

Green Heron
MC: 14, 4 Aug. Middle Rock Run Forest Preserve (Will Co.) (DB). **LD**: 14 Oct, Rainbow Beach, Chicago (Cook Co.) (GAW, CLW, NG).

Black-crowned Night-Heron
MC: 13, LincP, 5 Aug. (CV). **LD**: 14 Oct, Rainbow Beach, Chicago (Cook Co.) (GAW, CLW, NG). Reported in 16 counties.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
MC: 2, Calumet, SEPA Station, Calumet (Cook Co.) 4 Aug (WJM, SB). **LD**: 19 Sep, Bill McBride River Front Neighborhood Prairie - Chicago (Cook Co.) (JRRS, SSt). Few reports.

White Ibis
MC: 3, Burkesville Lakes (Monroe Co.) 4 Aug (C & PDh). 4-10 Aug, CarlL-C, James Hawn Access (KAM ph, MSS, CLH ph, DMK).

White-faced Ibis
MC: 3, HennepinL, 25 Sep (PM:ph); 23-24 Sep, Emiquon NWR (KAM, AS, SZ, EGl). 21 Sep, Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason Co.) (ASA, JAS, JIN, DHh). **LD**: 20-21 Oct, Perry Co. (MSS, LS, DM)

Plegadis, sp?
MC: 8, Pelle Corporation Lake (DuPage Co. & Kane Co.). **Others:** 21 Oct, Emiquon (JW): 21 Sep (SFd); 21 Sep (1 juv.), Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason Co.) (JAS, ASA, JIN, EGl, DHh); 3-7 Nov (2), Hennepin (GN, ASl, TH);.

Black Vulture
MC: 17, Massac Co. 13 Nov (KAM). **Others:** 14 Nov (2), Jefferson Co. (KAM); 15 Sep (6), Garden of the Gods (Saline Co.) (KMi); 12 Aug (2), Crab Orchard Visitor Center and Pond, Williamson Co. (BMn); 9 Sep (3), Monroe Co. (C & PDh).

Turkey Vulture
MC: 248, Greene Val, 20 Oct (REF, KF, ED, FS, JAS, MBc, UG, VS, m.obs.); 120, ClinL-C, 8 Sep (DMK); 91, Kankankee Co. 16 Sep (JBH); 80, IBSP, N Unit, 6 Oct (IBHW). **LD**: 29 Nov (10), Sam Dale Lake Rt 161, Wayne Co. (MW, WW).

Osprey
MC: 13, IBSP, N Unit, 22 Sep (IBHW); 11, IBSP, N Unit, 8 Sep (IBHW, ASl). **LD**: 23 Nov, IBSP, N Unit, 6 Oct (IBHW, PWS, AG, EGl).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE
4 Aug, Homer Lake (Champaign Co.) (fide SDB); 1 Sep, Middlefork Savanna, Lake Forest (Kathy Amberg); 14 Sep, IBSP N. Unit (IBHW, PWS:ph, KML:ph., JRRS).

Above: Swallow-tailed Kite. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 14 September 2012. Photo by Paul Sweet.

Left: White-faced Ibises. Hennepin-Hopper, Putnam County. 25 September 2012. Photo by Pete Moxon.

Leucistic Red-tailed Hawk. Long Grove, Lake County. 6 August 2012. Photo by Caryn Hollander.

Mississippi Kite
MC: 5, Winnebago Co. 27 Aug (JLy); 4, IBSP N Unit, 27 Aug (PWS, CWr, JRRS, AK) several present "off and on" at IBHW from 27 Aug – 29 Sep (pers comm PWS, m. obs.). **Others:** 2 Aug, Quincy (Adams Co.) (PaR & PR); 5 Aug, Fall Creek Township (Adams Co) (AR & PR); 26 Aug, IBSP N Unit, (IBHW, PWS); I Sep(I juv.) CarlL-C (CLH); 9 Sep, GreeneVal (VS, JAS, DY, ED, REF, SFt, et. al.); 15 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK). **LD:** 29 Sep, , IBSP N Unit, (IBHW, ASI);.

Bald Eagle
MC: 33, Hennepin, 18 Aug (EWW); 20, Chau, 25 Nov (CDn); 19, Hennepin, 19 Oct (TH), attracted to dead fish associated with lake drawdown. Reported in 69 counties.

Northern Harrier
MC: 16, IBSP N Unit, 5 Oct (IBHW, JRRS, PWS & JS, MT, m.ob.);. **EA**: 8 Aug, Waukegan Beach (Lake Co.) (ASI). Reported in 52 counties.

Sharp-shinned Hawk
MC: 128, IBSP N Unit, 5 Oct (IBHW, JRRS, PWS, JS, MT, m.obs.);. 91, IBSP N Unit, 6 Oct (IBHW,ASI, JK, CWr, JRRS, VB);. 45, Lake Shelbyville (Shelby Co.) 20 Oct (TAM, TF). Reported in 43 counties.

Cooper's Hawk
MC: 13, IBSP N Unit, 5 Oct (IBHW, JRRS); 10, GreeneV, 15 Sept (REF, KF, JC, MBc, JAS, VS, m.obs). Reported in 58 counties.

Red-shouldered Hawk
MC: 4, Big Bend State FWA (Whiteside Co.), 2 Aug (DHc), inc. juv. birds. Reported in 45 counties.

Broad-winged Hawk
MC: 2,564, Greene Val 20 Sep (VS, DY, JB, JAS, KF, PQ); 1,727, Lake Villa, 20 Sep (RB); 1,030, Kickapoo Ave. & vicinity (Kane Co.) (SFd); 750; Bluff Road north of Rt. 67 (Schuyler Co.) (TAM); 31, CarlL-C, 22 Sept (EWW, m.ob.). **LD**: 29 Oct, Lake Co. (IBHW).

Swainson's Hawk
All reports: 22 Sep, "imm. female light morph" Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co.) (CLH, YJ); 20 Oct, 2nd yr, (IBHW, ASI, BJS); 20 Sep, Green Val (REF, DY, JB, JAS, KF, PQ, VS); 18 Aug, Tazewell Co. (AW); 4 Sep, Monroe Co. (GH); 13 Aug, Kane Co. (MM, et. al.) (known breeding location)

Red-tailed Hawk
MC: 142, IBHW, 6 Oct, (ASI, m.obs.); 85, IBHW (PS, AG, EGl); 41, Green Val, 24 Nov (JAS, VS, JIN, KF, MBc); 41, Green Val, 25 Nov (REF, JAS);. Reported in 87 counties.

Ferruginous Hawk
25 Sep (light morph juv), GreeneVal (REF, VS, FS, et. al.).

Rough-legged Hawk
EA: 10 Oct, (IBHW, ASI, et. al.). **MC:** 19, 23 Nov (IBHW, PS, AG, EGl,)

Golden Eagle
EA: 17-20 Sep, Mississippi Palisades SP--South Park & Big Slough Lake (Carroll Co.) (DTW, APS, GN). **MC**: 2, GreeneVal, 10 Nov (JAS). **Others:** 15 Oct, Green Val (ED, REF, KF, MBc, MAM, VS, m.obs.); Kankakee (juv); 30 Oct, (JBH); CarlL-C (imm.) 12 Nov (DMK, ph.).

Yellow Rail
PrRdg-J, 9 Oct (CLH); another in field at PrRdg-J, 11 Oct (CLH)

Virginia Rail
MC:3, Hennepin, 3 Aug. (DFS). Reported in 7 counties.

Sora
EA: 17 Aug, Cinder Flats Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 30, CarlL-C, Whitetail Access, 29 Sep (KAM). Reported in 34 counties.

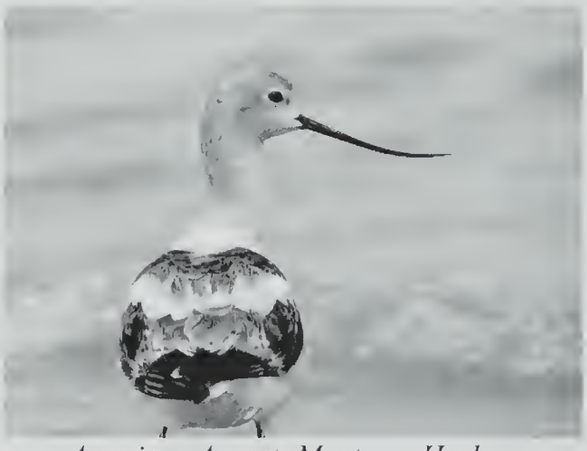
Common Gallinule
MC: 7, Indian Ridge Marshes, Lake Calumet (Cook Co.), 4 Aug (WJM,SBB). Reported in 8 counties.

American Coot
MC: 8,300, Emiquon, 7 Oct (PB).

Sandhill Crane
MC: 10,135, IBSP, N. Unit, 23 Nov (IBHW,PWS, AG, EGl, m. obs.); 8,725 Lake Villa 23 Nov(RB); 2,000 Glacial Park, McHenry Co 23 Nov(RG). Over 20,000 cranes seen on 23 Nov in northeastern Illinois. Reported in 19 counties.

WHOOPING CRANE
MC: 3, IBSP, N. Unit, 6 Sep (IBHW, ASI, JRRS); 23 Nov (1), IBSP, N Unit, 23 Nov (IBHW, PWS, AG, EGl). **Others:** GreeneVal(2) 18 Nov (JAS); Peck Farm Lake (2) (Kane Co.) 22 Nov (MM, et. al). All presumed to be part of the WI re-introduction attempt.

Black-necked Stilt
MC: 15, Emiquon 8 Aug (JW).



American Avocet. Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 26 July 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

American Avocet
MC: 36, Turtle Lake Melrose Township, Adams Co) 5 Aug, (AR & PR); 5 Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason Co.) (CDn) 8 Oct **EA**: 26 July, Montrose (AFS, m.obs). **Others:** 12-17 Oct (3), Clinton Lake SRA (m.obs.) **LD**: 25 Nov(2), Emiquon (MAM, APS).

Black-bellied Plover
EA: 6 Jul, Whispering Willows Area (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 13 Aug (5) Illinois R, widewaters (LaSalle) (Bob Carper); 13 Aug Montrose (MDe). **MC**: 23, Big Slough Boat Launch, 20-Sep (GN, APS). **LD**: 7 Nov, HennepinL (TH).

American Golden-Plover
EA: 20 Jul, Evergreen Lake (McLean Co.) (BG). **MC**: 85, H&E Sod Farm Dunham Rd (McHenry), 1 Sep (AG); 67, H&E Sod Farm Ahern (Kankakee), 1 Sep (AG). . **LD**: 19 Oct (16) ClintonL, (DeWitt); 19 Oct (4) HennepinL (TH).

Semipalmated Plover
EA: 8 Jul, Peacock Marsh (Will Co.) (CAT); 26 Jul(2), Cinder Flats, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 30, Sawmill Lake, (Putnam Co.) 25 Aug (Sean Fitzgerald); 20, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, Chicago, 19 Aug (WJM, et. al). **LD**: 15 Oct (3) Lake Decatur (Macon) (TAM).

Upland Sandpiper. Momence Sod Farms, Kankakee County. 28 July 2012. Photo by Don Blecha.

Piping Plover
EA: 5 Aug (2), Ward Island (Adams Co) (AR, PR); **Others:** 31 Aug Riverfront Park, E Peoria (Tazewell) (TH, DH); 22 Sep (one banded), Montrose (JG, FRM, RLS).

Killdeer
MC: 3,000 Carlyle L (Fayette Co.) 12 Aug (DMK, KAM); 1200 Sanganois State WA (Mason Co.) 4 Aug (CAT); 900, Horseshoe Lake State Park, 15 Jul (GH); 550 U. Cattle Farm (Champaign Co) 10 Sep (NS).

Spotted Sandpiper
MC: 18, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co.) 1 Aug (CDn): 16, Carson Slough (Sugar Grove) (Kane Co.) 12 Jul (SFd); 15, L Decatur (Macon Co) 6 Aug (TAM); 12, Saw Wee Kee Park (Kendall Co.), 8 Sep. (DFS). **LD**: 16 Oct, juvenile (Kankakee Co.) (JBH).

Solitary Sandpiper
MC: 15+, Lake Bloomington (McLean Co.) 4 Aug (BMu, et. al.); 15, L Decatur (Macon Co) 6 & 27 Aug (TAM); 14, 31 July, Spfld (HDB); 13, Fayban Parkway Marsh (DuPage Co.) 9 Aug (SFd). **EA**: 23 June, Midewin Natl Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co) (GAW, et. al); 29 June, Sangchris (HDB). **LD:** 27 Oct, HennepinL (TH, DH); 12 Oct, Bloomington (McLean Co.) (MJW, WH); 10 Oct, Humbolt Park Chicago (SBB); 29 Sep, Saw Wee Kee Park (Kendall Co.) (DFS).

WANDERING TATTLER
First State Record: 9 Aug, Montrose fish hook pier (ML, ph., SS, ph). An amazing interior N A record--remarkable in its own right! See account in this journal.

Greater Yellowlegs
MC: 20, Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason Co.) 8 Oct. (CDn). **LD**: 23 Nov, IBSP N Unit Camp Logan (AG, EGl); 12 Nov, Clinton, (Clinton Co) (JSf & MSS); 11 Nov (3), Bob Bangert Park (Quincy, Adams Co) (PR). **EA**: 21 Jun, Emiquon, (CDn).

Willet
MC: 29, Montrose, 24 Aug (JBs, JIE, NG, m obs.). **EA**: 29 Jun (3), Montrose (SGS). **LD**: 16 Sep, Emiquon (AAA, JIE, et.al).

Lesser Yellowlegs
MC: 160, Ill River Rte 26 Putnam Co. 17 Sep (DFS); 90, Rte 26 (Marshall Co.) 17 Sep (DFS); 54, Fermi Lab 1-4 Aug (AFS, Sean Fitzgerald). **LD**: 12 Nov (4), Bob Bangert Park (Quincy, Adams Co) (AR & PR). **EA**: 21 Jun (2), Emiquon (CDn).

Upland Sandpiper
MC: 6, Rockford Intl Airport 3 Aug (AFS, APS). Seemed to be well noted this fall in contrast to prior years. Reported in 11 counties.

Whimbrel
Sportsman's Park, LDecatur (Macon Co) 26 Aug -2 Sep, (TAM, m. obs.). **Others:** LaSalle Lake FWA (La Salle Co.) 4 Sep (BC); Waukegan Beach 8-9 Sep, (AFS, m.obs.). **LD**: 13 Sep, Montrose (LGM).

Hudsonian Godwit
EA: 28 July, Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason Co.) (KAM); 13 Aug(2), Montrose (ML).. **MC**: **50,** Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co.) 13 Aug (MSS, MJB), a remarkable number. Others; Lake Decatur, 29 Aug (1) (TAM).

Marbled Godwit
MC: 2, Meredosia N.W.R., (Morgan & Cass cos.) 26 Aug. (LC, TW, CDn, EWW.); 2, Montrose, 24 Aug (JBs, JIE, ML, NG). **Others:** Rend Lake (Jefferson Co.) 25 Aug (CLH, YJ); H&E Sod Farm Dunham Rd (McHenry Co) 28 Aug (AFS, KML). 5 Aug, Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co) 5 Aug (DMK).

Ruddy Turnstone
MC: 14, Montrose, 14 Aug (ML). **EA**: 23 July, Montrose (MD); 26 July, Waukegan Beach (ASl); 3 Aug(2), Rend Lake (Jefferson Co.) (CLH, YJ); 3 Aug, Hennepin (Putnam Co.) (DFS); 3 Aug, Waukegan (Lake Co.) (AFS, ASl). **Others:** CarlL WMA--Tamalco Access Area (Fayette Co) 25 Aug (2) (KAM).

Red Knot
EA: 3 Aug, Hennepin (DFS). **Others:**, Rollins Savanna (Lake Co) 25 Aug (BJS, PB, NM). The only reports.

Ruff
13 July, Two Rivers NWR (SwanL) (DJM:ph); 22 July, Rice Lake State CA (Fulton Co) (MJW:ph, TH).

Stilt Sandpiper
MC: 150 (a remarkable number for Oct), Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason Co.) 8 Oct (CDn); 25, Lake Decatur (Ivy Hill Park) 2 Sep (TAM). **EA**: 2 July, Geotube Island- GrassL (Lake Co) (BJS). **LD**: Bob Bangert Park (Quincy, Adams Co) 11 Nov, (AR & PR);

Sanderling
MC: 44, Montrose 20 Jul (GAW); 15, Thomson (Carroll Co.) 16 Sep (GN, APS). **EA**: 10 Jul(14), Montrose (JIE,MD,RDC,MC). **LD**: 13 Nov, Waukegan Beach (BJS, JSS)

Dunlin
MC: 50, Chautauqua NWR, 28 Oct (CDn); 42, HennepinL, 19 Oct (TH). **EA**: 27 Jul, Montrose (DFS, JIE, LGM, ph).

Baird's Sandpiper
MC: 7, Ward Branch, Rend Lake, 26 Aug (KAM); 6, Sportsmans Park, Lake Decatur, 24 Aug (TAM). **EA**: 19 July, Deadstick Pond, Lake Calumet (Cook Co.) (WJM). **LD**: 28 Oct, Chautauqua NWR (CDn).

Least Sandpiper
MC: 1400, Sanganois SWA, 4 Aug (Mason Co) (CAT); 700, Meredosia NWR, 1 Aug (KAM); 660, Lake Decatur, 2 Sep (Macon Co) (TAM, PB, NS); 363, Clinton Lake 31 Aug (DeWitt Co.) (Matt Fraker). **EA**: 23 Jun, Cinder Flats, Spfld (HDB); 23 Jun, Emiquon (JIE). **LD**: 27 Nov (3), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co.) (CS et.al.); 26 Nov(2), Lick Creek (HDB); 23 Nov (2), Bob Bangert Park (Quincy, Adams Co) (AR).

White-rumped Sandpiper
EA: 18 Aug, RendL, Ward Branch (Jefferson Co.) (TD). **LD**: 8 Oct, Sanganois SWA, (Mason Co) (CDn). **Others:** Coal City Sewage Ponds (Grundy Co) 25 Aug(2) (CAT, TK); Sawmill Lake (Putnam Co), 18 Sep (SZ).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper
EA: 27 July, Peterson Rd.,Lake Co. (JOS); 27 July – 1 Aug Kaneville Sod Farms Kane Co. (JBn, DRD, m.obs.). **MC**: **33**, Rend Lake (Jefferson Co.) 26 Aug, (CLH, KAM); 18, Del Monte Ponds, Mendota, (LaSalle Co) 6 Sep and at least 3 present from 27 Aug-11 Sep (JHa, C & J McK, DJS); 8, Hennepin, 23 Aug. (first record for site) (DFS, SFd). **Others:** Calumet Sewage Ponds (1), 26 Aug (AFS); H&E Sod Dunham Rd/McHenry Co(8), 28 Aug (AFS);.Dunteman's Sod Farm (4) (Kane Co), 29 Aug (AFS);

Black-legged Kittiwake. Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 3 November 2012. Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Great Black-backed Gull. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 22 September 2012. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Franklin's Gull. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 22 September 2012. Photo by Travis Mahan.

Red Phalarope. 28 July 2012. Rend Lake, Jefferson County. Photo by Travis Mahan.

Afton F.P. (DeKalb Co) (1), 3 Sep (AFS); Wood Dale Reservoir (DuPage Co) (3), Sep 4 (AFS). An very good widespread migration through most of the state this fall – reported in 22 counties. **LD**: 1 Oct (1 bird w/injured leg), H & E Sod Farm, Ahern, (Kankakee Co) (JBH).

Pectoral Sandpiper

MC: 2,100 Sanganois State Wildlife Area 4 Aug (Mason Co.) (CAT); 1,500, Rice Lake CA, (Fulton Co) 18 Aug (MJW, TH); 750+, Sawmill Lake, Putnam Co. 25 Aug (SFd); 700 Meredosia NWR 1 Aug (KAM, CDn); 590, Lake Decatur, 16 Aug (TAM). **EA**: 25 Jun(2), Emiquon (TH). Widespread and excellent numbers this fall on dried out mudflats of the rivers and "draw-downs."

Semipalmated Sandpiper

MC: 119, 31 Aug Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co.) (Matt Fraker); 100, CarlL-F. (DMK). **EA**: 4 Jul, Whalon Lake FP (Will Co.) (DFS); 16 Jul, worn adult, Spfld (HDB). **LD**: 17 Oct(1) Wood Dale Reservoir (DuPage Co) (AFS); 19 Oct (37), Hennepin (TH). Reported in 32 counties.

Western Sandpiper

MC & EA: 25, 22 Jul, Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co.) (CLH); 25 July, worn adult, Spfld (Sangamon Co.) (HDB). **LD:** 16 Sep (2), Emiquon (JIE, GN, AAA, JRRS).

Short-billed Dowitcher

MC: 11, Hennepin, 23 Aug (TH). **EA**: 30 Jun, Jefferson Co (MSS); 30 Jun, Nygren Weltands (Winnebago Co.) (ATB).. **LD**: 7 Oct (3) Pillsbury Pond (SAC).

Long-billed Dowitcher

MC: 300, Chautauqua NWR--Goofy Ridge (Mason Co.) 28 Oct (CDn). A remarkable number. **EA**: 13 Jul(5), RollinsSav (BJS); 31 Jul, Fermilab (SFd) **LD**: 10 Nov (40), Chautauqua NWR (KAM). Reported in 15 counties.

Wilson's Snipe

MC: 100, 13 Oct, ClintonL (DTW). **EA**: 28 Jul, Chautauqua NWR--Eagle Bluff (Mason Co.) (JJD, et. al); 31 Jul, Wood Dale Resevoir (DuPage Co) (AFS). **LD**: 30 Nov (15), Bob Bangert Park (Quincy, Adams Co) (PR).

American Woodcock

MC: 2, Montrose, 26 Oct (JIE); 2, Northerly Island, 5 Oct (JIE, JDW). **LD:** 29 Oct, Geneseo (Henry Co.) (SH). Reported in 11 counties. Many reports of stressed birds due to dry conditions; several reports of birds in backyards with sprinkling systems.

Wilson's Phalarope

MC: 4, Sawmill Lake (Putnam Co.) 27 Aug (TH). **EA**: 29 Jun, Whispering Willows Area, Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Jul (2), Chautauqua NWR (TAM, CDn). **LD**: 4 Nov, Fermilab (JAS).

Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 11 Aug (2), Fayette (Fayette Co.) (KAM, MSS, CLH); 11 Aug (2) CarlL-C (YJ, CLH). **MC**: 31, Sawmill Lake (Putnam Co.) 27 Aug(TH). **LD:** 8 Oct, Sanganois State Wildlife Area 4 Aug (Mason Co.) (CDn); 5 Oct (juv), ClintonL (MEF); 3 Oct (juv.), Big Slough boat launch (Carroll Co) (DTW, AFS). Reported in 18 counties.

Red Phalarope

EA: 28 Jul, Rend Lake (Jefferson Co.) (CLH:ph, TM:ph, DMK:ph); 31 Jul (adult), Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (CDn, MJB,KAM, KBR). **Others:** 24-25 Aug, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (KBR, DBJ, RE).

California Gull. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 29 September 2012. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Black-billed Cuckoo. Riverside Park, Springfield, Sangamon County. 15 October 2012. Photo by H. David Bohlen, Illinois State Museum.

Parasitic Jaeger
30 Sep, GillsonP, Wilmette (EGl).

Jaeger sp.
CarylL-C, 7 Sep (DMK).

Black-legged Kittiwake
3 Nov (1 juv.), Montrose Point (MD, MC, KAM, LM, NG: ph., EGl, JlN, FRM, LGM, m.obs.).

Sabine's Gull
EA: 13 Sep (juv), LSpfld (HDB, ph.). **Others:** 15 Sep (juv), HL (MM). 16-17 Sep (juv), Sawmill Lake (Putnam Co.)(DBJ,APS, TH, DFS, DJS). 16-17 Sep (juv), Marshall SFWA, Sparland Unit (Marshall Co.) (TH,DBJ,APS, KR, ASA, MBr, m.obs.) 16-20 Sep (juv), Miller's Landing opposite Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co.)(AAA, JlE, APS, GN, ph.).

Bonaparte's Gull
MC: 10,000, CarlL-C, 4 Nov (DMK). **EA**: 5 Aug, Montrose Point (FRM); 10 Aug (2 juvs), Lake Co Fairgrounds (ASl); 11 Aug, Fayette (Fayette Co) (MSS, KAM, CLH).

LITTLE GULL
Nov 25 (ad.) at LSpfld (HDB).

Laughing Gull
MC: 2, CarlL-C, 22 Sep (CLH, YJ, m.obs.). **EA:** 12 Aug (juv), RendL-J (CLH, TAM, YJ, MSS). Post breeding. **LD:** 4 Nov(basic ad.), CarlL-C (GH). **Others:** ClintonL, 1-2 Sep (juv) (MEF, ph. m.obs.); Kankakee, 9 Sep (ad) (JBH); HL, 20 Oct (FRH).

Franklin's Gull
MC: 100, CarlL-C, 15 Oct (KAM). **EA:** 31 July (2nd yr), Marine Point LSpfld (HDB). **LD**: 18 Nov (2), CarlL-C (BR). Reported in 19 counties.

Ring-billed Gull
MC: 8,000, CarlL, 8 Sep (J & CM); 1,320, Hennepin, 23 Aug (DFS). **Others:** 340, Winthrop Harbor, 31 Aug. – late summer peak (EWW). Reported in 53 counties.

California Gull
28-29 Sep (ad) CarlLake-C (DMK: ph., CLH,KAM, YJ).

Herring Gull
MC: 1,200 Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 4 Nov (EGl).

Lesser Black-backed Gull
MC: 8, Lake County Fairgrounds, 25 Nov (ASl); 3, Riverfront Park, East Peoria (Tazewell Co) 17-18 Nov (TH, DHr, MJW). **EA**: 30 Aug (2nd year), lBSP (EWW); 8 Sep (ad), CarlL-C (DMK); 15 Sep – 20 Oct (2nd cycle) CarlL-C (DMK, ph). **Others:** 4 Nov (ad), LShel - Findlay Bridge (TAM, TF).

Glaucous Gull
EA: 25-30 Nov, near adult, Loyola Park, Chicago Lakefront (SGS, JPL, m. obs.).

Great Black-backed Gull
EA: 1 Sep – 23 Nov (1st cycle), CarlL-C (DMK: ph, TAM, KAM, m. obs.); 11 Sep, Waukegan Beach (JG, BT, REP).

Least Tern
3 Aug (1), Lewis & Clark State Historic Site (Madison Co) (TJ, MR).

Caspian Tern
MC: 79, Desplaines Widewaters (Channahon), 28 Jul (DFS). **LD:** 14 Oct, Rainbow Park (Cook Co) (GAW, NG); 13 Oct, Canton Ferry (Adams Co) (PR, JW); 5 Oct, Wolf Lake (DFS); 1 Oct., lBSP (EWW).

Black Tern
MC: 200, CarylL-C, 8 Sep (DMK); 66, Meredosia N.W.R., 26 Aug (EWW). **EA**: 22 Jun (ad), LSpfld (HDB); 4 Aug, Clinton Lake, (DeWitt Co.) (TH, DHr). **LD**: 28 Sep, CarlL-C (KAM). Reported in 21 counties.

Common Tern
EA: 26 Aug (2), Montrose (FRM, AG). **LD**: 20 Oct, LShel, (TAM, TF).

Forster's Tern
MC: 200, CarlL-C, 8 & 19 Oct & 4 Nov (DMK); 35, RendL-J, 26 Aug (KAM); 25, Illinois River Widewaters (LaSalle Co) 31 Aug (BC); 20, Riverfront Park, East Peoria (Tazewell Co) 31 Aug (TH, DHr). 10, Albany (Whiteside Co.), 25 Aug (EWW). Reported in 21 Counties.

Rock Pigeon
MC: 358 lrving Park (Cook Co.) 20 Oct (DKA);300, Kankakee, 15 Oct; 18 & 28 Nov (JBH); 250, Riverfront Park (Peoria Co.) 20 Nov (EC); 240, U of I Cattle Farm, Champaign Co 3 Sep (MML); 220, w. Cook Co., 13 Nov (DFS). Reported in 71 counties.

Eurasian Collared-Dove
MC: 65 Madison (Madison Co), 13 Aug (KAM); 24, US-1L-Big Rock-Mc Cannon Rd (Kane Co) 8 Nov (ASA): 20 St Clair (St Clair Co) 17 Oct (KAM). Reported in 43 counties.

White-winged Dove
One report: lBSP-South Unit 21 Aug (DTW, AFS).

Mourning Dove
MC: 291, Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co.) 21 Nov (PV); 205, O'Fallon (St Clair Co), 3 Oct (KAM). Reported in 87 counties.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
MC: 4, Montrose, 26 Aug (AG); 3 Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) 1 Aug (CDn). **LD**:18 Oct, James Park, Evanston (Cook Co) (MC).

Black-billed Cuckoo
MC: 2, Montrose, 27 Sep (JGz). **LD**: 15 Oct (imm), Riverside Park (Sangamon Co.) (HDB, ph.); 12 Oct, Northerly Island (LM); 12 Oct, Lincoln Park, North Pond (JlN).

Burrowing Owl. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 6 October 2012. Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Barn Owl
MC: 2, Lawrence (Lawrence Co) 3-5 Aug (CLH, YJ, MSS).

Eastern Screech-Owl
MC: 2, Fullersburg Woods FP (DuPage), 2 Nov (GP, KW). Reported in 22 counties.

Great Horned Owl
MC: 4 Chain O'Lakes SP (Lake Co) 17 Nov (PG); 4, Lake Catherine (Lake Co) 29 Sep (PG). Reported in 32 counties.

Snowy Owl
Imm. male in rehab., Sycamore, (DeKalb Co) 20 Nov (Christy Gerbitz Oaken Arces Wildlife Center, fide KML).

Burrowing Owl
Montrose, 6 Oct and again on 15 Oct (same bird!). (JGr, ph., LBs, JlE, MC, JC, JWL, GAW, RLS, RDH, m. obs.).

Barred Owl
MC: 8, Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co) 28 Sep (JDW). Reported in 40 counties.

Rufous Hummingbird. Cherry Valley Township, Winnebago County. 14 November 2012. Photo by John Longhenry.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird being eaten by praying mantis, inside barn. Vermont Township, Fulton County. September 2012. Photo by Steve White.

Long-eared Owl
MC: 2, Dick Young FP, Nelson Lake Marsh (Kane Co) 2 Nov (TM, KS).

Short-eared Owl
EA: 28 Sep, GreeneVal (JAS, VS). **MC**: 3, Montrose, 23 Nov (MD).

Northern Saw-whet Owl
EA: 12 Oct (2), IBSP (EWW); 13 Oct(6), Sand Bluff Bird Observatory, Shirland (JLy, et. al.); **MC**: 28, Sand Bluff Bird Observatory, Shirland, 19 Oct (JLy, et. al.); 5, MArb, 7 Nov (EWW); 5 Evergreen Lake (McLean/Woodford Cos) 9 Nov (EWW). **Others:** 2 Nov, Siloam Springs SP, 2 Nov (EWW); 2 Nov, ArgyleL SP (McDonough Co) (EWW). An excellent flight this autumn.

Common Nighthawk
MC: 312, Evanston (Cook Co) 27 Aug (FRM); 215, Winnebago Co, 3 Sep (JLy); 200, Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co.) 27 Aug (ASA). **LD:** 25 Oct, Kankakee (JBH).

Eastern Whip-poor-will
MC: 2, SRSF, 16 Sep (GN, JIE, JRRS, AAA). **Others:** 18 Aug, E2450 N25, LaSalle Co (BC); 1 Sep, Sand Bluff Bird Observatory, Shirland (JLy, et. al.)

Chimney Swift
MC: 2,500, Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts, 12 Oct (MJW, WH); 600, Thompson Middle School chimney (Kane Co) 4 Sep (JD, et. al.). **LD**: 7 Nov, Evanston, (MC); 25 Oct, Clinton (Clinton Co) (MSS).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
MC: 158, Monroe Co feeders, 5 Aug (C & PD); 47, Eggers Woods FP (Cook Co) (DFS, WJM). **LD**: 11 Nov, Chicago (PKn).

Rufous Hummingbird
14-30+ Nov (imm. female into winter period banded by VMK on 16 Dec; JL:ph), Rockford, (Winnebago Co), attending Anderson residence feeder; 17-18 Nov (female banded by VMK on 17 Nov), (Macoupin Co), Maher residence near Palmyra (KAM, VMK).

Selasphorus sp?
21 Nov, at residential feeder in Marion Co. (fide CLH).

Merlin. Loyola Beach, Cook County. 15 November 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Belted Kingfisher
MC: 6, Vermilion Co, 27 Oct (NK). Reported in 59 counties.

Red-headed Woodpecker
MC: 18, Silver Creek Preserve (St Clair Co.) 17 Sep (RL); 14, Cahokia Mounds SP, (St Clair Co) 16 Nov (TJs). Reported in 66 counties.

Red-bellied Woodpecker
MC: 24, Salt Creek Woods NP, 16 Sep (DFS). Reported in 85 counties.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
MC: 15, Bicentennial Plaza, Grant Park, (Cook Co) 10 Oct (DBJ). Reported in 58 counties.

Downy Woodpecker
MC:20, Salt Creek Woods NP, 16 Sep (DFS). Reported in 84 counties.

Hairy Woodpecker
MC: 7, Big River SF (Henderson Co) 20 Nov (APS, GN); 6, Salt Creek Woods NP, 16 Sep & 25 Nov (DFS); 6, Beck Lake FP (Cook Co.).2 Nov (ABA). Reported in 68 counties.

Northern Flicker
MC: 50, Funks Grove (McLean Co.) 25 Sep (MJW); 31, LincP--North Pond, 26 Sep (GAW). Reported in 84 counties.

Pileated Woodpecker
MC: 6, Williams Hill (Pope Co) 17 Nov (JMq). Reported in 55 counties.

American Kestrel
MC: 10, Bear Creek Day Use Area (Adams Co) 17 Nov (RCn). Reported in 74 counties.

Merlin
EA: 12 Aug, exceptionally early date, Sangamon Co. (HDB). **MC**: 44, IBHW, 11 Oct (m.obs.). **Others:** 3 Nov. (1st winter female **'Prairie' race**), Lost Mound S.P. (Jo Daviess Co.) (EWW, ph). Reported in 26 counties.

Peregrine Falcon
MC: 15, IBHW, 1 Oct (BZ, DWs, EG, JSw, RS). Reported in 24 counties.

Prairie Falcon
3 Nov, 1000 E 1/2 mile south of route 133, Arcola (Douglas Co) (TDF:ph).

Monk Parakeet
MC: 50, JacksonP 3 Nov (RLS); 33, ComEd substation, (DuPage Co) 24 Oct (G & VP). Reported in DuPage and Cook Cos only.

Olive-sided Flycatcher
EA: 6 Aug, Douglas Park, (EDG, AG, EGl); 8 Aug, Montrose (ML). **LD:** 23 Sep, York Woods FP (DuPage Co.) (DFS). Reported in 19 counties.

Eastern Wood-Pewee
MC:21, Hennepin, 23 Aug **(DFS). LD:** 2 Nov (juv) , Hickory Knolls Natural Area (Kane Co.) (DKa, BA, et.al.); 19 Oct, Lincoln

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. Shirland Township, Winnebago County. 28 September 2012. Photo by Dan Williams.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher with grasshopper. Northbrook, Cook County. 20 October 2012. Photo by Jane and Phil Hauck.

Eastern Kingbird
MC: 120, CarlL-C, 10 Aug (DMK); 50, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) 20 Aug (KAM); 14 Fermilab, 25 Aug (CAT): 12, Lake Storey Park (Knox Co.) 12 Aug (CY); 12, Grundy Co., 4 Aug. (DFS). **LD:** 25 Sep, Prairie Path, Bilter area (DuPage Co) (DL).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher x2
27-30 Sep , Boswell & Yale Bridge Rd, Rockton (Winnebago Co.) (D & MCr, DTW:ph, KML, ATB: ph, SW). **LD**: 19-21 Oct (1st yr male), Willow Hill Golf Course, Northbrook (Cook Co), (GR, m.obs.: phs.).

Loggerhead Shrike
21 Sep, Perry Co (MSS); 30 Sep, near Magnolis (Putnam Co) (EWW); 4 Oct, Wabash Co; 20 Oct, Richland (MSS, APS); 21 Oct, Marion Co.; 29 Oct, Perry Co (MSS); 25 Aug, Arnold Rd, (Montogomery Co). Six reports.

Park Golf Course, Chicago (LGM:ph); 18 Oct, Riverside Park (Sangamon Co) (HDB, ph).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
EA: 10 Aug, Bowen Park, Waukegan (BJS); 11 Aug, JacksonP (RLS); 11 Aug, Montrose (LGM,ph); 12 Aug, Bemis Woods FP (DFS). **MC**: 3, Burnham Nature Sanctuary, Burnham Park, 11 Sep (DFS); 3, Crystal Lake Park (Champaign Co) 29 Aug (TBs).

Acadian Flycatcher
MC: 4, Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co) 26 Aug (ES). **LD:** 28 Sep, Busey Woods, Urbana (Champaign Co) (AT, OP). Reported in 15 counties.

Alder Flycatcher
EA: 1 Aug(2), Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Lake Co.) (AV). Reported in 6 counties.

Willow Flycatcher
EA: 22 Aug, Grant Park. **LD:** 20 Sep, Wolf Rd. Prairie (calling bird) (DFS); 22 Sep, Burnham Park--McCormick Nature Area (Chicago) (CAT); 27 Sep, Springbrook Prairie FP (calling bird) (DuPage Co) (MN). Reported in at least 17 counties.

White-eyed Vireo. Washington Park, Springfield, Sangamon County. 22 October 2012. Photo by H. David Bohlen, Illinois State Museum.

Northern Shrike
EA: 18 Oct, DuPage Tech Park (KW, GP); 20 Oct, (IBHW) (ASl, PSW, m.obs.); 22 Oct, Songbird Slough F.P. (DuPage) (AFS); 23 Oct (ad), LIB CA (Boone Co) (DTW). **Others:** 27 Oct-23 Nov, Glacial Park Conservation Area (McHenry Co) (RG, BD, m.obs.); 8 Nov, Pleasant Valley F.P. McHenry Co (AFS); Nov 6, GreeneVal, along the entrance road to the Thunderbird Youth Camp area (MAM); Nov. 25 Banner Marsh (Peoria Co)(MAM, APS); 31 Oct (imm) PRSNA (Marion Co.) (the southernmost) (CLH, ph., RES); 2 Nov. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (Leroy Harrison, ph.); 20 Nov LCal (Wolf Lake/ Powers Fish & Wildlife Area, Chicago) (WEM); 24 Nov, Chicago Botanic Garden (GAW, CLW); 30 Nov, Horseshoe Pond (Marshall County) (TH). An excellent fall irruption, even into southern Illinois. Reported in 11 counties.

White-eyed Vireo
MC: 5, CarlL-C, 23 Sep (EGl, NG); 5, Rock Springs Municipal Park (O'Fallon) (St Clair Co) 1 Oct (GH); 5, Monroe Co, 20 Sep (C & PDh). **LD**: 22 Oct, Spfld (Washington Pk) (HDB:ph); 8 Oct, Mermet Lake (Massac Co.) (CCd).

Least Flycatcher
MC: 8, Lincoln Park (Montrose & Jarvis) 26 Aug (GAW). **EA**: 1 Aug, Lincoln Park Golf Course (LGM); 1 Aug (2), O'Brien Lock & Dam (Cook Co) (JIN). **LD**: 16 Oct, Jarvis (LGM).

Eastern Phoebe
MC: 10, HL 5 Aug (EC); 10, Banner Marsh FWA-- East Access (Peoria Co) 6 Sep (EC). **LD**: 17 Nov, Douglas Park (Cook Co) (AG, EDG).

Say's Phoebe
30 Aug, IBSP-N Unit (RDJ, PWS, JSw). The third record for IBSP.

Ash-throated Flycatcher
21-24 Aug, Greene Valley FP (DuPage Co) (MAM, REF, audio tape, m. obs.). Another reported 14-17 Aug, Lee Co (DHh, CMcK, ph, et.al).

Great Crested Flycatcher
MC: 7, Big Bend State FWA (Whiteside Co.) 2 Aug (DHh). **LD**: 30 Sep, Rainbow Park (Cook Co) (GAW, CLW).

Western Kingbird
25 Sep, Nygren Weltands (Winnebago Co.) (DTW, BCW, et. al); 1 Oct, Rockford International Airport (Winnebago Co.) (TL).

Monk Parakeet. Chicago, Cook County. 10 August 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Bell's Vireo
MC: 3, Lake Renwick Preserve--Turtle Lake Access (Will Co.) 23 Aug (ASA); 3, Fermilab 14 Aug (WP). **LD:** 30 Sep, Morton Arboretum--West Side (DuPage Co.) (AMh).

Yellow-throated Vireo
MC: 4, Eldon Hazlet SP, CarlL-C, 20 Aug (KAM); 4, CarlL-C, 1 Sep (DMK); 3, US-1L-Apple River Shenandoah Ln (Jo Daveiss Co) 13 Aug (JC, MC); 3, Bemis Woods FP, 15 Sep. (DFS); 3, Jubilee College State Park (Peoria Co) 14 Sep (EC). **LD:** 6 Oct, Fermilab (DL).

Philadelphia Vireo.
Meadowbrook Park, Urbana, Champaign County.
11 September 2012.
Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Blue-headed Vireo
EA: 23 Aug, Carroll Co (AS); 24 Aug, Sinnissippi Park (Whiteside Co) (DHh). **LD**: 1 Nov, Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (MR); 27 Oct, JP (NB). **MC**: 4, CarlL-C, 16 Sep (DMK). Reported in 29 counties.

Warbling Vireo
MC: 15, Montrose Point, Lincoln Park (Chicago) 26 Aug (AG). **LD**: 28 Sep, Edwards Co (CLH, MSS, APS).

Philadelphia Vireo
MC: 6, CarlL-C, 15-16 Sep (DMK); 4, Meadowbrook Park (Urbana), 16 Sep (NS, et. al.); 4, Salt Creek Woods NP, 16 Sep (DFS); 4, CarlL-C 23 Sep (NG, EGl). **LD**: 15 Oct, Humboldt Park (Chicago) (SBB).

Red-eyed Vireo
MC: 30, Chinquapin Bluffs (Woodford Co) 8 Sep (MJW); 15, Salt Creek Woods NP, 16 Sep. (DFS) **LD:** 19 Oct (2), Sagawau (Cook Co) (MBt); 7 Oct, Bemis Woods (DFS).

Blue Jay
MC: 300, CarlL-C, 8 Oct (DMK); 128, Springdale Cemetery (Peoria Co.) 22 Sep (LS); 126 Lake Villa (Lake Co) 20 Sep (RB); 65, Mississippi Palisades State Park–North Park (Carroll Co) 20 Sep (GN, APS).

American Crow
MC: 600, No Name Park (Madison Co) 21 Nov (BSf); 407 Ewing Park (McLean Co) 15 Aug (AW).

Fish Crow
MC: 2-5 RendL-J, Ward Branch-J, 3 Aug – 7 Sep (TD, YJ, KAM, GH). **Others:** 4-12 Aug, Clinton Co (MSS, CLH, DMK); 17 Aug, Scott AFB (St. Clair Co), (GH); 18 Aug, RendL-J (TD); 20 Aug, CarlL-C, Whitetail Access (KAM); 25 Aug, CarlL-C James Hawn Access (KAM);

Horned Lark
MC: 600, CarlL-C, 24 Nov (DMK); 200, Momence, H & E Sod Farms (Kankakee Co) 26 Aug (NG, SBB). Reported in 49 counties.

Purple Martin
MC: 412, LSpgfld, 9 Aug (HDB); 250, Glacial Park CA (McHenry Co) 9 Aug (PV); **LD:** 21 Sep (20), Banner Marsh FWA-- East Access (Peoria Co) (EC).

Tree Swallow
MC: 20,000-25,000 CarlL-C, 28 Sep- 4 Oct (DMK, KAM)); 3206, ClintonL 19 Oct (MEF); 2800, RendL-J, Ward Branch 31 Aug (TD); 2000, Banner Marsh FWA—East Access (Peoria Co.) 21 Sep (JlN); 1500, Marshall Co., 17 Sep (DFS). Reported in 60 counties.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow
MC: 500, Rock Falls Lower Dam, (Whiteside Co) 10 Aug (DHh); 350, Banner Marsh FWA--Bell's Landing (Fulton Co.) 14 Aug (EC); 300, Millers Hollow Boat Launch (Carroll Co) 16 Sep (M & RM). **LD:** 8 Nov – EOP+. sewage pond, (Kankakee Co) (JBH). Reported in 43 counties.

Bank Swallow
MC: 742, Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason Co.) 4 Aug (CAT); 410, Kankakee, 15 Aug (JBH). **LD**: 8 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK); 21 Sep, Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason Co.) (JAS); 21 Sep (3), Banner Marsh FWA-- East Access (Peoria Co.) (JAS, ASA, DHh). Reported in 35 counties.

Cliff Swallow
MC: 506, ClintonL, 14 Sep (MEF). **LD**: 28 Sep, CarlL-C, 28 Sep (KAM). Reported in 45 counties.

Cave Swallow
23 Nov, IBSP-N Unit (IBHW ,VB, diagnostic photos, PWS, AG, EGl, AFS, et. al). Others reported: 13 Nov Waukegan Beach (SDB, DDz); 12 Nov (2-5), Montrose, (RP, LJK, et. al.).

Barn Swallow
MC: 4,000, CarlL-C 4 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 11 Nov, Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie (Cook Co) (JDW). Reported in 64 counties.

Carolina Chickadee
MC: 20, HL, 5 Aug (EC); 20, CarlL-C, 11 Aug – 15 Sep (KAM, DMK); 20, Garden of the Gods (Saline Co) 15 Sep (KMi). Reported in 36 counties.

Black-capped Chickadee
MC: 38, Saw Wee Kee Park (Kendall Co), 8 Sep (DFS); 38, Klehm Arb (Winnebago Co), Nov 24 (DFS); 35, Mississippi Palisades State Park—North Park (Carroll Co) 20 Sep (GN, APS); 34, Bemis Woods FP—South (Cook Co) 12 Aug (DFS).

Tufted Titmouse
MC: 20, Garden of the Gods (Saline Co.) 15 Sep (MKi). **Others:** 25 Nov (12) Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co.) (CDn); 21 Sep (12) Illini SP (LaSalle Co.) (DFS); **Others:** Reported in 81 counties.

Red-breasted Nuthatch
MC: 16, Morton Arb (DuPage Co.), 30 Sep (DFS); **15,** Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co.), 25 Nov (CDn); 13, Queen of Heaven Cemetery (Cook Co), 5 Nov (DFS); 12, U of IL Forestry Plantations (Urbana), 1 Oct (OP, AT); 6, 15 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK). **EA**: 1 Aug (2), MArb (TKz, JZ); 11 Aug, Evanston (MC);12 Aug, Lincoln Park (GAW); 12 Aug, Montrose, (MD); 12 Aug, Saw Wee Kee Park (Kendall Co.) (ASA); 12 Aug, Rockford (Winnebago Co) (JLy, KML, et.al). A major irruption–observed in excellent numbers throughout the state: reported in 65 counties.

White-breasted Nuthatch
MC: 25, Lyman Woods (DuPage Co) 18 Aug (JC); 23, Big River SF (Henderson Co) 20 Nov (GN, APS); 20, Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co) 26 Aug (DC); 15, Crabtree Nature Center (Cook Co) 21 Nov (JB); 14, Salt Creek Trail (Cook Co), 22 Nov (MSl).

Brown Creeper
MC: 11, LincP—North Pond (Chicago), 26 Sep (GAW, m. obs.). **EA**: 12 Sep, LincP—North Pond (Chicago), (GAW, JIN, m.obs.). Reported in 52 counties.

House Wren
MC: 27, MArb, 27 Sep (CV); 12, Hennepin, 3 Aug (DFS); 10, Salt Creek Woods NP (Cook Co.) 16 Sep (DFS);10, CarlL-C, 8 & 15 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 17 Nov, DouglasP Chicago (EDG, AG, EGl).

Winter Wren
MC: 6, LincP—North Pond 26 Sep & 13 Oct (GAW); 6, Burnham P--McCormick NA (GAW, CLW); 4, Eggers Woods FP, 5 Oct (DFS). **EA**: 1 Sep, LincP—North Pond (JlN); 7 Sep, Douglas P Chicago (AG, EGl); 10 Sep (2), Montrose (MD, DKA). Reported in 31 counties.

Sedge Wren
MC: 27, Northerly Island, 16 Sep (LGM); 12, Burnham Park Chicago, 16 Sep (GAW, CLW); 12, Kankakee, 14 Sep (JBH) 10, Hennepin, 8 Aug(DFS). **LD**: 26 Oct, Fermilab (MM, PM, APS, AFS, MAM).

Marsh Wren
MC: 15, Rollins Savanna FP, 23 Sep (RDH, FRM); 14, Montrose, 16 Sep (AFS, FRM, TFK). **LD:** 25 Nov, "Burger Barge", Tazewell Co (BG).

Carolina Wren
MC: 16, Garden of the Gods (Saline Co.) 15 Sep (KMi); 11 CarlL-C, 2 Sep (KAM).

Bewick's Wren
12 & 27 Oct, Lick Creek (Sangamon Co) (HDB: ph). HDB's first fall record since 1981 and his latest fall date.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
MC: 80, CarlL-C, 26 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 7 Oct, Silver Creek Preserve (St Clair Co) (GH).

Golden-crowned Kinglet
MC: 73, Burnham Park 14 Oct (NG, CLW, GAW). **EA**: 9 Sep, Montrose (JIE, M&JC, BT,ASA). Reported in 53 counties.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
EA: 18 Aug, JacksonP (HC, et. al); 29 Aug. Crystal Lake, (Champaign Co) (JH); 2 Sep, Monroe Co) (C & PD); 6 Sep, Jarvis (JIE). **MC**: 30-80, CarlL-C, on various dates between 23 Sep and 8 Oct (DMK); 17, DYNL, 24 Sep (SFd). Reported in 66 counties.

Eastern Bluebird
MC: 45, LShel, 20 Oct (TAM, TDF); 28, Big River SF, 20 Nov (GN, APS). Reported in 77 Counties.

Veery
EA: 29 Aug, Lincoln Gardens, Spfld (HDB); 29 Aug, Minonk, (Woodford Co) (TH). **MC**: 5, Evanston, 9 Sep (JDW). **LD:** 5 Oct, Lincoln Land Community College (VMK, TR) (Sangamon Co); 30 Sep, Morton Arb(DFS). Reported in 22 counties.

Gray-cheeked Thrush
EA: 20 Aug, Crawford Co, (MSS). **MC**: 12, Busey Woods (Champaign Co) (MSr;NS); 11, Salt Creek Woods NP, 16 Sep (DFS). **LD:** 12 Oct, Grant Park (JIE,JDW). Reported in 25 counties.

Swainson's Thrush
EA: 8 Aug, Glenn (McLean Co) (BMu); 11 Aug, Saw Wee Kee Park (Kendall Co.) (DFS); 11 Aug, Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co) (JLy); 14 Aug, Lincoln Grdns, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 223, Kankakee, 14 Sep (JBH); 85, Busey Woods, Urbana (Champaign Co), 15 Sep (MSr;NS); 75, Jarvis (LGM); 70, Douglas Park Chicago, 14 Sep (AG, EGl); 55, Skokie Lagoons—Willow Rd (Cook Co),11 Sept (JG, BT); 41, Salt Creek Woods NP, 16 Sep(DFS); 50, HumboldtP Chicago, 14 Sep (SBB)34, Rainbow Park 8 Sep (GAW). **LD**: 26 Nov, Kankakee (JBH, ph)—very tardy! Reported in 42 counties.

Bewick's Wren, Lick Creek Bike Trail, Springfield, Sangamon County. 12 October 2012. Photo by H. David Bohlen, Illinois State Museum.

Hermit Thrush
EA: 1 Sep (banded), Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co) (JLy); **MC**:47, Burham Park, 21 Oct (CAT); 44, Calumet Park, 5 Oct (WJM); 40, Montrose, 10 Oct (SBB, m. obs.). Reported in 48 counties.

Wood Thrush
MC: 4, Burnidge FP (Kane Co) 15 Sep (EM). **LD:** 29 Oct, Highland (Madison Co) (NKe); 10 Oct, Jarvis (LGM, ph). Reported in 21 counties.

American Robin
MC: 1750, S Oak Park (Cook Co) 23 Oct (GN); 500, Rosemont (Cook Co) 21 Oct (DS).

Varied Thrush
3-9 Nov, MArb (J & JZ, AFS, PM, SZ, LP, DB, ph, m.obs.).

Gray Catbird
MC: 35, Jublilee College SP (Peoria Co) 14 Sep (EC); 21, JP, 8 Sep (RLS). **LD**: 17 Nov, Oakhurst FP (Kane Co) (ASA).

Northern Mockingbird
MC: 3, Dresden Rd. (Grundy Co.), 4 Aug (DFS); 3, Shiloh (St Clair Co) 19 Aug (KAM); 3, (Mason Co) 18 Sep (M & RM); 3, Monroe Co, 23 Sep (C & PD); 3, No Name Park (Madison Co) 25 Sep (BSf). Reported in 36 counties.

SAGE THRASHER
29 Sep, banded at Sand Bluff Observatory (Winnebago Co) (SG, Steve Reischel:ph). This is the sixth Illinois record.

Brown Thrasher
MC: 6, Northerly Island, 15 Sep (JIE); 4, Montrose, 15 Sep (RD, FRM, MD, GAW, DKA, m.obs); 4, Grant Park, 22 Aug (DFS). **LD**: 17 Nov (2), Monroe Co. (P & CD).

European Starling
MC: 3500, Banner Marsh (Peoria Co) (J&MC, JIE); 3000, CarlL-C on multiple dates: 3 Nov, 12 Nov & 25 Nov (DMK); 2000, *Lee Co*, 7 Sep (TKl); 760, Kendall Co., 8 Sep. (DFS).

Sage Thrasher banded at Sand Bluff Bird Observatory, Winnebago County. 29 September 2012. Photo by Steve Reischel.

Northern Waterthrush. Chicago, Cook County. 23 November 2012. A late date for this species. Photo by Josh Engel.

American Pipit
MC: 100, Clinton Lake SRA--Radio Tower Access (De Witt Co.), 17 Oct (MJW); 76 at same location on 19 Oct (MEF); 48, H and E Sod Farm--Ahern (Kankakee Co.) 25 Oct (JBH). **EA**: 14 Sep, Gridley Wastewater Treatment Ponds, Co Rd 2080 E (McLean Co) (BMu). Reported in 29 counties.

Bohemian Waxwing
MC: 2, CBG, 6-9 Nov (AFS, MAM, NAL, MC, m.obs. ph.); 2,. GreeneVal (AFS); 10 Nov (1), JP (RLS).

Cedar Waxwing
MC: 855+, IBSP, 4 Aug (EWW); 824, Kankakee, 24 Oct (JBH); 680, Jarvis, 24 Aug (JIE). **EA**: 2 Aug (80), Jarvis Bird Sanc. (Cook Co.) (Craig Thayer).

Lapland Longspur
EA: 19 Sep, GreeneVal (VS). **MC**: 3,000, 25 Nov Carlyle Lake, (Clinton Co.) (DMK); 500, Perry Rd, west of Rt 23 (DeKalb Co) 3 Nov (NB). Reported in 15 counties.

Smith's Longspur
13 Oct (2), Whiteside Co (DHh). The only fall report.

Snow Bunting
EA: 20 Oct, GreeneVal, 20 Oct (VS, JWL). **MC**: 250, Near Lock & Dam 20 (Adams Co) 18 Nov, (Pat R & PR); 110, North Point Marina, 4 Nov (Lake Co.) (AFS, EGl). Reported in 12 counties; farthest south was DeWitt Co on 9 Nov(8) (MEF).

Connecticut Warbler. Busey Woods, Urbana, Champaign County. 8 September 2012. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Connecticut Warbler. North Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 26 September 2012. Photo by John Picken.

Ovenbird
MC: 15, Busey Woods, Urbana (Champaign Co), 8 Sep (MML); 13 Montrose, 22 Sep (FRM, RDH, DKA,TFK). **EA**: 8 Aug, Glenn (McLean Co) (BMu); 10 Aug, River Forest (Cook Co.) (Jill Anderson); 11 Aug (2), RiversideP, Spfld (HDB); 14 Aug, DouglasP (EDG, AG). **LD**: 23 Nov, Palos Park (JCa); 7 Nov, ITT Campus Chicago (GAW).

Worm-eating Warbler
LD: 3 Sep, Comlara Park (Southern Unit) (McLean Co) (AW).

Louisiana Waterthrush
LD: 3 Sep, Busey Woods (Urbana) (Champaign Co) (NS); 30 Aug, Jarvis (BMn).

Northern Waterthrush
EA: 2 Aug, Jarvis (LGM); 2 Aug, DuPage Co (CG); 9 Aug, WashingtonP, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 22, ColumbusP, 28 Aug & 9 Sep (EDG); 16, LincolnP, 26 Sep (GAW); 13, Eggers Wood FP, 14 Sep (DFS, WJM). **LD**: 23 Nov, Evanston (Cook Co) (JIE, ph).

Golden-winged Warbler
MC: 15, Spfld, 6 Sep (HDB); 4, Sinnissippi Park, 24 Aug (DHh); 4, Potawatomi Woods FP, 9 Sep (TB); 3, Salt Creek Woods NP, 16 Sep (DFS). **EA**: 11 Aug, RiversideP, Spfld (HDB); 14 Aug, Burnham Nature Sanctuary, BurnhamP. **LD**: 26 Sep, Evanston (J &MC). Reported in 27 counties.

Blue-winged Warbler
MC: 7, Spfld, 6 Sep (HDB); 6, Jon Duerr Woods, Kane Co, 1 Sep (Dupage BC field trip). **EA**: 2 Aug, Lincoln Gardens, Spfld (HDB); 10 Aug, Friends Creek Park (Macon Co) (EWr). **LD**: 16-20 Oct, Montrose (ABB,LGM, MD,JGz, m. obs.). Reported in 20 counties.

Black-and-white Warbler
MC: 30, CarlL-C, 1 & 3 Sep (DMK); 13, Herrick Lake FP (DuPage Co) 14 Sep (SFd); 11, Kenneth Schroeder Wildlife Sanctuary (McLean Co) 14 Sep (TH). **EA:** 23 Jul, Sangchris (HDB); 7 Aug, Jarvis (BMn). **LD**: 20 Oct, LincolnP (JSk, ph).

Prothonotary Warbler
MC: 6, CarlL-C, 12 Aug (DMK); 4, Woodford Co CA, 2 Aug (TH). **LD**: 8 Sep, Lincoln Memorial Garden, Spfld (JMq).

Tennessee Warbler
MC: 60, CarlL-C, 30 Sep (DMK); 56. Seba Park Trail Kane Co, 19 Aug (SAC); 50, Helmick Nature Preserve/Butterfield Creek Wetlands (Cook Co.), 21 Sep (FJ). **EA:** 2 Aug, Jarvis (LGM); **LD:** 8 Nov, Burnham NS, Burnham Park; Grant Park (DFS).

Orange-crowned Warbler
MC: 20, CarlL-C, 30 Sep (DMK); 11, Irish Hollow (Jo Daviess Co), 27 Sep (DWy). **EA:** 14 Sep, Humboldt Park (Chicago) (SBB). **LD**: 22 Nov, Oakhurst Forest Preserve (Kane Co.) (ASA).

Nashville Warbler
MC: 80, CarlL-C, 30 Sep (DMK); 15, Chinquapin Bluffs (Woodford Co) 8 Sep (MJW); 15, Salt Creek Woods Nature Preserve (Cook Co.), 10 Sep (CG); 12, JP, 2 Sep (JIE,NM);

Black-throated Blue Warbler at sapsucker holes. Bicentennial Park, Chicago, Cook County. 28 September 2012. Photo by Jerry Goldner.

12, Burnham Nature Sanctuary, Burnham Park (Chicago), 16 Sep (GAW, CLW); 12, York Woods FP (DuPage Co.), 23 Sep (DFS). **EA**: 11 Aug, Montrose (LGM); 17 Aug, RiversideP, Spfld (HDB). **LD**: 26 Nov, Kankakee (JBH, ph).

Connecticut Warbler x2

MC: 3, JP, 15 Sep (AFS, et, al). **EA**: 20 Aug, RiversideP, Spfld (HDB). **LD:** 30 Sep, WeaverP (Champaign Co) (NS, NP); 27 Sep, *Monroe Co* (P&CDh); 26 Sep, LincolnP—North Pond (NG). Reported in 7 counties.

Mourning Warbler

MC: 3, Montrose, 21 Aug (JlE); 3, Burnham Park--McCormick Nature Area (Chicago) 25 Aug (GAW, CLW); 3, Montrose, 2 Sep (JlE, NM). **EA**: 10 Aug (ad. male) Riverside Park, Springfield (HDB); 12 Aug, Jarvis (RDH, LGM, ph). **LD:** 10 Oct, Lick Creek (Sangamon Co) (H30 Sep, Crystal Lake Park (Champaign Co) (EJC). Reported in 13 counties.

Kentucky Warbler

LD: 27 Sep, Monroe Co (C & PDh).

Common Yellowthroat

MC: 40, Northerly Island, Chicago, 15 Sep (JlE); 20, Salt Creek Woods NP, 16 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 27 Nov, Montrose (MD, LGM).

Hooded Warbler

Hooded Warbler. Perkins Woods, Evanston, Cook County. 7 October 2012. Photo by Jason Weckstein.

EA: 18 Aug (1st fall female), JP, (RLS). **LD:** 7 Oct, Perkins Woods, Evanston (JlE, JDW). **Others:** 19 Aug) (juv), Montrose (SP, BMn); 15-16 Sep (female), Salt Creek Woods NP (DFS); 26 Aug, Oriole Grove F P (Lake Co) (GH); 8 Sep, Busey Woods (Urbana) (MML); 16 Sep (ad male), Montrose (MD, DT).

American Redstart

MC: 200, CarlL-C, 15-16 Sep (DMK); 38, LincolnP, 1 Sep (GAW, CLW, CB); 22, Eggers Wood FP, 14 Sep (DFS). **EA**: 5 Aug, Jarvis (FRM); 5 Aug, SRSP West End (LaSalle Co) (BC); 5 Aug, Jarvis (LGM); 6 Aug(2), Toulon (Stark Co) (JW). **LD**: 24 Oct, Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW). Reported in 61 counties.

Cape May Warbler

EA: 12 Aug, Jarvis (LGM, RDH). **LD:** 2-12 Nov, MArb (JAS, ML, m.obs); 7 Nov, Grant Park (DFS). Reported in 25 counties.

Cerulean Warbler

EA: 3 Aug, The Woods (Lee Co) (AT, ph). **LD**: 8 Sep, Crystal Lake Park (Champaign) (TB).

Northern Parula

MC: 30, CarlL-C 29-30 Sep (DMK); **EA:** 2 Aug, Jarvis (LGM). **LD**: 20 Oct, Ward Island (Adams Co) (PR); Crystal Lake Park (Champaign), 13 Oct (TH,PS). Reported in 47 counties.

Magnolia Warbler

MC: 129, CarlL-C 15-16 sep (DMK); 16, Salt Creek Woods NP, 16 Sep (DFS). **EA**: 12 Aug, Riverside Park, Spfld (HDB); 12 Aug, Montrose (GAW, CLW). **LD:** 19 Oct, LincolnP Golf Course (LGM). Reported in 59 counties.

Bay-breasted Warbler

MC: 9, Herrick Lake Forest Preserve (DuPage Co.) 13 Sep (SFd); 9, Spfld, 13 Sep (HDB); 8, CarlL-C, 16 Sep (DMK). **EA**: 17 Aug, Montrose (SF, AG); 19 Aug, Kankakee (JBH); 19 Aug, Homer Lake State CA (Champaign Co.) (EWr). **LD**: 14 Oct, Crystal Lake Park (Champaign Co) (EJC). Reported in 36 counties.

Blackburnian Warbler

MC: 8, CarlL-C, 19 Aug (DMK); **EA**: 5 Aug, Jarvis Bird Sanct. (Kanae Hirabayashi);7 Aug, Marine Point, Springfield (HDB). **LD:** 10 Oct, North Point. LSpfld (HDB). Reported in 35 counties.

Yellow Warbler

MC: 7, JP 4 Aug (RLS). **EA**: 24 Jul, Grant Park (DFS); 30 Jul Marine Pt, LSpfld (HDB). **LD**: 10 Oct, LincolnP Golf Course (LGM).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

MC: 20, CarlL-C, 1, 9 & 15 Sep (DMK). **EA**: 11 Aug (juv) RiversideP, Spfld (HDB). **LD**: 12 Oct, Montrose (LGM); 10 Oct, Lick Creek (HDB). Reported in 55 counties..

Blackpoll Warbler

MC: 25, Montrose 10 Sep (BT). **EA**: 17 Aug, Montrose (AG, SF). **LD**: 27-28 Oct, JP (NLB, RLS). Reported in 22 counties.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

MC: 4, Jackson Park, 2 Sep (JlE,NM); 4, Montrose 12 Sep (PP). **EA**: 21 Aug (ad male), Grant Park (DBJ). **LD**: 14 Oct (male) Lick Creek (Sangamon Co)(HDB). **Others:** 16 Sep (male) CarlL-C (DMK,ph.); 23 Sep (male) CarlL-C (DMK, ph.). Reported in 19 counties.

Palm Warbler

MC: 83, BurnhamP, 16 Sep GAW, CLW); 75, Waukegan Beach 29 Sep (ASl); 70, Northerly Island, 15 Sep (JlE). **EA**: 22 Aug, Minonk (Woodford Co) (TH); 25 Aug, BurnhamP, McCormick Nature Area (GAW, CLW). **LD**: 12 Nov, Montrose (MD). Reported in 42 counties.

Pine Warbler

MC: 6, Garden of the Gods (Saline Co.), 15 Sep (KMi); 3, Queen of Heaven Cemetery (Cook Co), 7 Oct. (DFS) **EA**: 18 Aug (imm), JP, (GAW, RLS, m.obs.). **LD:** 8 Nov, Burnham NS, Burnham Park (DFS); 24 Nov, Nauvoo State Park (Hancock Co) (AR). Reported in 19 counties.

Yellow-rumped Warbler
MC: 800, CarlL-C, 8 Oct (DMK); 425, Busse Wood South 5 Oct (ABA); 150, Waukegan Beach, 29 Sep (ASl); 147, South Oak Park (Cook Co) (GN); 125, Schroeder Nature Sanctuary (McLean Co) 6 Oct (BMu); 110, Spfld, 3 Oct (HDB); 57, Saw Wee Kee Park (Kendall Co.), 29 Sep (DFS). **EA**: 6 Aug, Burnham NS, BurnhamP (DFS); 11 Aug (juv), Riverside Park, Spfld (HDB) Record early arrival dates.

Yellow-throated Warbler
MC: 2, CarlL-C, 25 Aug (DMK); 2, Crystal Lake Park (Champaign) 25-29 Aug (ZS, VB, et. al.). **EA**: 28 Jul,McKinley Woods FP (Will Co.) (DFS). **LD**: 29 Sep, McLean Co (KP). Reported in 13 counties.

Prairie Warbler
EA: 10 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). Only 3rd fall CarlL record. **Others:** 12 Aug (2), Spillway Ponds- Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co) (BMn); 7 Sep (juv), LakeVilla, (RB); 8 Sep (male), MArb (MN);

Black-throated Green Warbler
MC:80, CarlL-C, 16 & 30 Sep (DMK). **EA**: 5 Aug, Bemis Woods FP.(DFS); 11 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK); 14 Aug, Lincoln Gardens Spfld (HDB). **LD**: 25 Oct, Lincoln Gardens, Spfld (HDB); 24 Oct, Douglas Park (AG, EDG). Reported in 57 counties.

Canada Warbler
MC: 3, Busey Woods (Urbana) 3 Sep (NS); 3, Chinquapin Bluffs North (Woodford Co) 28 Aug (TH); 3, Elsen's Hill (DuPage Co) 20 Aug (MN, LP). **EA**: 12 Aug (im female), Riverside Park, Spfld (HDB); 12 Aug (2), Merwin Nature Preserve--South (McLean Co) (AW); 12 Aug (2) River Forest (Cook Co.) (JA). **LD**: 28 Sep, CarlL-C (GH). Reported in 24 counties.

Wilson's Warbler
MC: 10, Montrose, 2-3 Sep (AR, AG); 9, JP, 2 Sep (JIE, NM); 8, Jarvis, (JIE); 8, LincolnP—North Pond, 3 Sep (ASA); 6, Rainbow Beach, 7 Sep (DFS). **EA**: 12 Aug, South Shore Cultural Center (Chicago) (EGl); 12 Aug, Montrose, (GAW, CLW). **LD**: 29 Oct, 1522 S. Prairie Ave. (Cook Co) (PD); Ward Island (Adams Co) 13 Oct, (PR & JW). Reported in 36 counties.

Yellow-breasted Chat
MC: 2, CarlL-C, 18 Aug (DMK); 2, Fermilab, 2 Aug, (GP, et. al). **LD**: 21 Oct, Jarvis (KH).

Spotted Towhee
7-9 Oct, Applewood, (Mason Co) (CWt, ph).

Eastern Towhee
MC: 17, Waterfall Glen FP--Sawmill Creek Area (DuPage Co) 15 Aug (VS); 9 ClinL-C, 5 Aug (KAM). **LD**: 10 Nov, Winfield (DuPage Co) (CAT,TK); 9 Nov, Lick Creek, Spfld (HDB);

American Tree Sparrow
MC: 185, Columbus Park, Chicago, 16 Nov (GN); 150, Montrose, 16 Nov (SBB); 125, ColumbusP 17 Nov (EDG, AG); 96, (Woodford Co.) 28 Nov (MEF) **EA**: 6 Oct (4), ClintonL -- North Side Marsh/ Inlet (DeWitt Co) (EW); 12 Oct(4), Montrose (CBg).

Chipping Sparrow
MC: 65, Spfld, 21 Oct (HDB); 40, ClinL-C, 2 Sep (DMK); 33, LUREC (McHenry Co) 20 Sep (SMn). **LD:** 18 Nov, Macon Co (TAM); 17 Nov, Anna Page Park (Winnebago Co) (DTW).

Clay-colored Sparrow
MC: 2, Northerly Island 8 Oct (JIE); 2, LincolnP Golf course, Chicago (Cook Co) (MD, LGM, GAW). **EA**: 27 Aug, Montrose (LGM, MD, MBn, DB, ph). **LD**: 3 Nov, DYNL (Kane Co.) (TM, m. obs.)

Yellow-rumped Warbler feeding at sapsucker holes. Bicentennial Park, Chicago, Cook County. 28 September 2012. Photo by Jerry Goldner.

Prairie Warbler. South Shore State Park, Clinton County. 10 August 2012. Only third fall record for this area. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Field Sparrow
MC: 14, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve (Champaign Co) 23 Sep (NS, PB); 14, Aurora West FP (Kane Co) 4 Oct (SFd). **LD**: 28 Nov (2), Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve (Will Co.) (ASA); 24 Nov(2), CarlL-C (KAM); 19 Nov, Spfld, (HDB); 18 Nov CBG (SC). Poor migration.

Vesper Sparrow
MC: 12, Marina Road 600 N (DeWitt Co), 13 Oct (NS, PB); 7, SE Kendall Co, 21 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 28 Nov, Cinder Flats Spfld (HDB).

Lark Sparrow
MC: 2, Grundy Co, 4 Aug (DFS); 2, Monroe Co (C & PDh). **LD**: 20 Sep, Northerly Island (BW).

Savannah Sparrow
MC: 46. Prairie Green, Geneva Park District (Kane Co.), 30 Sep (SAC); 39, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co). 11 Oct (ASA); 36, Waa Kee Sha Park, 5 Oct (ASA). **LD**: 25 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK); 21 Nov, Near Burger Barge, (Tazewell Co) (EC); 18 Nov(2), Cinder Flats, Spfld (HDB).

Grasshopper Sparrow
MC: 9, Bliss Woods FP (Kane Co), 3 & 7 Sep ("FW312 Class"). **LD**: 7 Oct, JC Penney field (Kane Co) (SAC).

Henslow's Sparrow
MC: 12, Rollins Sav, 23 Sep (RDH, FRM); 10, Hennepin, 3 Aug (DFS). **LD**: 20 Oct, Spring Lake (Tazewell Co) (MJW); 15 Oct, Fraker Farm (Woodford Co) (MEF). Reported in 16 counties.

LeConte's Sparrow
MC: 8, Spring Lake (Tazewell Co) 20 Oct, (TH, MJW); 6, IBSP-N Unit,13 Oct (LM). **EA**: 15 Sep, Northerly Island (JIE, EG). **LD**: 16 Nov, Techny Basin CA (Cook Co.) (JB). Reported in 16 counties.

Nelson's Sparrow
MC: 16, Rollins Sav, 25 Sep (SDB); **EA**: 13 Sep, Montrose, (MC, MD); 13 Sep(3), Northerly Island (JIE). **LD:** 13 Nov, Grant Park (DFS); 23 Oct, Coles Co Airport (RB:ph). Good numbers reported this fall. Reported in 12 counties.

Fox Sparrow
MC: 40, Spfld, 1 Nov (HDB); 23, Big River SF (Henderson Co) 20 Nov (GN, APS); 20, Aurora West Forest Preserve (Kane Co.) 26 Oct (ASA); 20, Chau—Goofy Ridge, 28 Oct (CDn). **EA**: 22 Sep, Grant Park--Museum Campus (Chicago) (DEW).

Song Sparrow
MC:75, Northerly Island,21 Oct (JF); 54, Spfld, 21 Oct (HDB); 46, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co) 30 Sep (JLS, GP, et.al.).

Lincoln's Sparrow
MC: 17, Burnham Park--McCormick Nature Area (Chicago), 6 Oct (GAW); 16, Northerly Island, 15 Sep (JIE). **EA**: 29 Aug, Humboldt Park (Chicago) (SBB); 31 Aug, IBSP-South Unit (BJS); 1 Sep, Montrose (FRM). **LD**: 30 Nov, MillenniumP (LR); 25 Nov, "Burger Barge" Tazewell Co (BG); 13 Nov, Grant Park (DFS).

Swamp Sparrow
MC:75, Fishhook Wildlife Management Area (Moutrie Co) 21 Oct (TAM); 71, Northerly Island, 11 Oct (JIE).

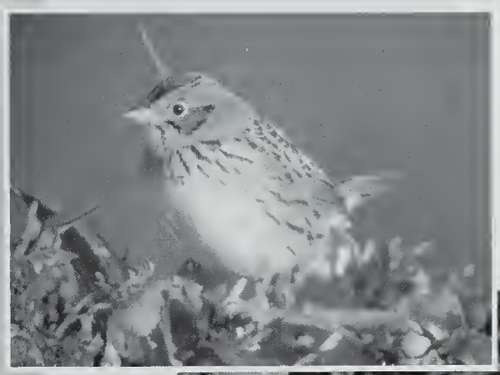
White-throated Sparrow
EA: 24 Aug, Glenn (McLean) (BMu); 25 Aug(3), . Burnham NS, Burnham P (GAW, CLW) **MC**: 152, Burnham NS, BurnhamP, 14 Oct(GAW, CLW, NG); 150, Busey Woods (Urbana), 6 Oct (MML).

Harris's Sparrow
EA: 3-6 Oct (imm.), Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course, LincolnP (Cook Co.) (LJK, MD, NG, JIE, m. obs.ph). **Others:** 10-21 Oct, Lake Renwick (Will Co.) (ASA, ph. m.obs.); 8 Oct (imm.) Chi. Botanic Garden (AFS); 20-21 Oct (ad), Grant Park, Museum Campus (DEW); 23 Oct (1 imm, ph) Cinder Flats Spfld (HDB); 1 Nov (ad) Marsh Rd. (Sangamon Co) (HDB:ph); 4-5 Nov, Emiquon, (TAM, KR, TF, APS, TW, CDn); 12 Nov (imm, ph), CarlL-C (DMK). **LD**: 23 Nov (imm, ph) CarlL-C (DMK, ph.).

White-crowned Sparrow
MC: 53, Burnham Park--McCormick Nature Area (Chicago) 14 Oct (GAW, NG); 50, Emiquon, 4 Nov (KAM); 45, Fraker Farm (Woodford Co) 15 Oct (MEF); 40, Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve (Will Co.), 13 Oct (DB); 33, Queen of Heaven Cemetery (Cook Co), 7 Oct(DFS). **EA**: 14 Sep (imm), JP, (RLS).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW
14 Oct (imm, ph) (Wayne Co) (CLH). First southern Illinois record.

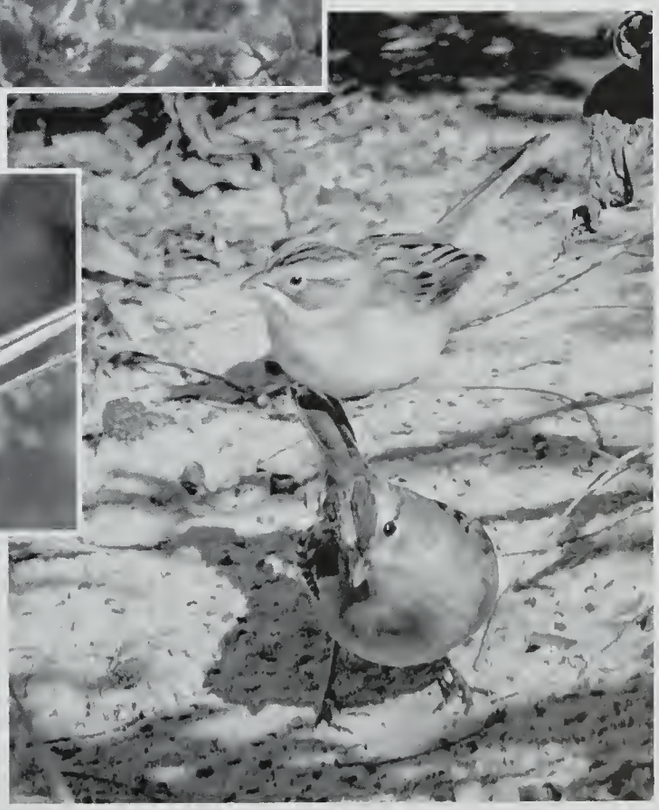
Harris's Sparrow. Springfield, Sangamon County. 23 October 2012. Photo by H. David Bohlen, Illinois State Museum.



Henslow's Sparrow. Rollins Savanna, Lake County. 23 September 2012. Photo by Bob Hughes.

Golden-crowned Sparrow. Garden Hill Township, Wayne County. 19 October 2012. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Nelson's Sparrow. Coles County Airport. 23 October 2012. Photo by Ron Bradley.



White-crowned Sparrow and Clay-colored Sparrow. North Avenue Beach, Chicago, Cook County. 16 October 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Dark-eyed Junco
MC: 200, James Park, Evanston, 16 Nov (MC); 200, Alsip (Cook Co), 14 Oct (SF); 150, Green Mount Cemetery (St Clair Co), 25 Nov (DMK); 125, Douglas Park 12 Oct(AG, EDG); 100, Montrose, 16 Nov (SBB); 94, ClintonL, 16 Nov (MEF). **EA:** 9 Sep (2), Montrose (MD, GAW).

Summer Tanager
MC: 6, Garden of the Gods (Saline Co.) 15 Sep (KMi). **LD:** 13 Nov (female), Montrose, (RC, ph, LGM).

Scarlet Tanager
MC: 7, MArb, 18 Sep (DSr). **LD:** 8 Oct, Kankakee (JBH); 7 Oct, Ewing Park (McLean Co) (BMu); 7 Oct, 1312 E Washington St (McLean Co) (MEF).

Northern Cardinal
MC: 40, CarlL-C, 26 Aug & 9 Sep (DMK); 35, Big River SF (Henderson Co), 20 Nov (GN, APS); 30, JP, 30 Aug (BW, SD); 28, South Oak Park, 26 Nov (EDG); 28, Bureau Co, 27 Sep (DFS).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
MC: 36, York Woods FP (DuPage Co), 23 Sep. (DFS); 20, DouglasP (EDG, AG). **LD**: 24 Nov (female), Nauvoo (Hancock Co) (AR); 5-6 Nov, James Park, Evanston (MC).

Blue Grosbeak
MC: 8, Sang, 16 Sep (HDB); 3, Rockford Airport (Winnebago Co) 22 Aug (JLy); 3, Fermilab, 28 Aug (SFd); 3, O'Brien Lock & Dam, 5 Aug (MD); 3, Madison Co., 18 Sep (BSf); 3, Windsor Rd and 1st St Pond (Champaign Co), 19 Aug (NS). **LD**: 8 Oct(2), Marsh Rd, Sang (HDB); 6 Oct, CarlL-F, (DMK).

Indigo Bunting
MC: 40, Bemis Woods, 5 Aug (DFS); 32, Sang, 17 Aug (HDB). **LD**: 26 Oct, Kankakee (JBH); 13 Oct, CarlL-C, (DMK).

Dickcissel
MC:20, CarlL-C, 18 Aug (DMK); 12, Middlefork Savanna Slough (Lake Co) (BMcC); 10, Hennepin, 8 Aug (DFS); 10, Emiquon, 15 Sep (AW). **LD**: 25 Oct, Silver Creek Preserve (St Clair Co.) (GH).

Bobolink
MC: 31, Whispering Willows, Kankakee, 9 Sep (JBH); 30, RollinsSav, 25 Aug (MS). **LD:** 5 Oct(3), Waa Kee Sha Park (Kendall Co) (ASA); 4 Oct(7), Lawrence (Lawrence Co) (MSS); 2 Oct, Prairie Green, Geneva PD (Kane Co) (SFd). Reported in 22 counties.

Red-winged Blackbird
MC: 8000, Braidwood Cooling Lake (Will Co) 15 Nov (JBH); 8000, Grundy Co, SE, 23 Oct, (JBH); 5000, Banner Marsh FWA--Main Access (Peoria Co.) (EC); 3500, Emiquon, 20 Oct (MJW, TH); 3000, CarlL-F, 4 Aug (DMK); 3000, HennepinL, 10 Aug (EC).

Eastern Meadowlark
MC: 35, RollinsSav, 30 Sep, (BJS, NG); 30, Bear Creek Day Use Area (Adams Co), 17 Nov (RCn).

Western Meadowlark
MC: 2, DYNL, (SFd). **LD**: 14 Oct, CarlL-C, (DMK). Reported in 5 counties.

Yellow-headed Blackbird
MC: 3, HennepinL, 18 Aug,(JAS). **LD:** 10 Nov, North Bottoms (Adams Co), (AR). **Others:** 28 Aug, Montrose (SBB); 31 Aug, ClintonL (MEF); 2 Aug, Pingree Grove WTP Marsh (Kane Co) (SFd); 3 Aug, HennepinL (DFS). All reports.

Rusty Blackbird
MC: 200, Green Mount Cemetery, (St Clair Co) 25 Nov (DMK); 170, Sand Bluff Banding Station (Winnebago Co.) (JCm); 150, Distillery Road CA, 23 Oct (DTW); 90, ClintonL 19 Oct (MEF); 60, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 13 Nov (RB). **EA**: 14-15 Sep, Montrose (JGz, LGM)); 20 Sep, Lake Villa (Lake Co) (RB); 23 Sep, York Woods FP (DuPage Co.) (DFS); 23 Sep, Afton Forest Preserve (DeKalb Co) (TB). Reported in 26 counties.

Brewer's Blackbird
MC: 200, CarlL-C, 18 Nov (BR); 48, H & E Sod Farm--Ahern (Kankakee Co), 15 Oct (JBH); 18, H & E Sod Farm (McHenry Co.) 28 Aug (ASA); 10, Southmor Rd. (Grundy Co.), 23 Nov (DFS). Reported in 12 counties.

Common Grackle
MC: 80,000, CarlL-C, 3 Nov (DMK); 10,000, Whispering Willow Area (Kankakee Co), 8 Oct (JBH); 6000, Starved Rock, 15 Aug (BC).

White-winged Crossbill male molting from juvenile to adult plumage. Evanston, Cook County. 9 November 2012. Photo by Matthew Cvetas.

White-winged Crossbill (center) and Red Crossbills. Allerton Park, Piatt County. 4 November 2012. Photo by Travis Mahan.

Brown-headed Cowbird
MC: 5,000, Co Hwy 55 sw of Marseilles (LaSalle Co) (GAW); 1000, H & E Sod Farm (McHenry Co.) 27 Aug (DTW); 1000, Emiquon , 20-23 Sep (EC, EGl); 510, H & E Sod Farm (McHenry Co.) 2 Aug (CAT); 510, Southmor Rd. (Grundy Co.), 23 Nov (DFS).

Orchard Oriole
MC: 5, Monroe Co, 12 Aug (C & PDh); 4, Dresden Rd.(Grundy Co). 4 Aug (DFS). **LD:** 20 Sep(2), Monroe Co (C & PDh).

Baltimore Oriole
MC: 19, Sang, 19 Aug (HDB); 15, JP, 12 Aug (PRC); 10, LincolnP Golf Course, 19 Aug (LGM). **LD:** 28 Sep, Sang (HDB): 17 Sep, Danada FP--East/RiceLake (DuPage Co) (SFd); 16 Sep (2), CarlL-C (DMK).

Purple Finch
MC: 30, Sand Ridge SF, (Mason Co.) 25 Nov (CDn); 20, DYNL, 25 Oct (KS); 20, Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co.) 22 Nov (WW); 16, Kankakee, 21 Oct (JBH); 16, Oakhurst Forest Preserve (Kane Co) 14 Oct (ASA). **EA**: 28 Aug, Montrose (JlE, SBB, MD); 28 Aug, Jarvis (JlE, BMn, LGM). Reported in 34 counties. Very good migration.

Common Redpoll. Coal City, Grundy County. 7 Novemer 2012. Photo by Don Blecha.

House Finch
MC: 80, Sang, Nov 8 (HDB); 65, Canterbury Park, Vernon Hills (Lake Co) 26 Sep (NM); 52, Queen of Heaven Cemetery (Hillside), 18 Nov(DFS); 50, Oak Ridge Cemetery (Sangamon Co) 8 Nov (TAM).

Red Crossbill
MC: 60, Sand Ridge S F (Mason Co.) 25 Nov (CDn); 51, MArb, Lake Marmo, 25 Nov. (YJ); 40, FermiLab (DuPage Co.) 3 Nov (PP, mobs.); 22, Oak Ridge Cemetery (Sangamon Co), 7 Nov (HDB); 17, Lakewood Valley, (Will Co) 28 Nov (GN); 17, Swallow Cliff Woods FP (Cook Co.) 3 Nov (CAT); 15+, Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co), 9 Nov (EWW--ph., APS); 12, Anna Page Park (Winnebago Co) 27 Oct (DTW); 4-12, Park Hill Cemetery (McLean Co) 19-22 Nov (MJW, BMu); 9-15, Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co.) 1-9 Nov. (AFS, EWW, ASl, JLt, m. obs.); 6-11, Allerton (Piatt Co) 8 Nov (BMu, TAM, RES, m.obs.); 10+, Evergreen Lake (McLean Co), 9 Nov. (EWW); 10, Fairlawn Cemetery (Macon Co) 6 Nov (TAM). **Others:** 5 Nov(2), Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside (Cook Co) 5 Nov (DFS); 8 Nov (2), BurnhamP Nature Sanctuary (DFS); 24 Nov (type 3), Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co) (DFS); 4 Nov (3), Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) AR, Pat R, PR); 2 Nov, Urbana (MML); 9 Nov (3), Woodlawn Cemetery (Champaign Co) (NS); 6 Nov (2), Centennial Park, Whiteside Co (DHh); 24 Nov (3) Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co.) (NG, APS); 28 Nov (2), Stickney Run (RG); 3-5 Nov (2), Moraine Hills SP--McHenry Dam (CAT, RG); 6 Nov (4), Clark Island (Kane Co.) (SFd); 7 Nov(3), Sunset Park (SAC); 17 Nov, Oakhurst Forest Preserve (Kane Co.) (ASA); 18 Nov, Oak Hill Cemetery – Geneva (Kane Co) (SAC); 20 Nov(5), Big River State Forest (Henderson Co) (GN, APS); 17 Nov(2), Pere Marquette SP (DP); 20 Nov (2) Camp Joy (Clinton Co) (MSS); 18 Nov, Green Mount Cemetery (St Clair) (DMK). **EA**: 17 Aug (6), Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co.) (BJS); 24 Aug, Jarvis (JlE, LGM); 25 Aug, JP (RLS). Reported in 16 counties.

White-winged Crossbill
MC: 10, MArb, 4 Nov (ASA, AFS, LR); 7, Belvidere Cemetery (Boone Co) 24 Nov (NG,APS);. 6, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co.) 24 Nov.(DFS); 6, MArb, 6 Nov (RSy). **EA**: 1 Nov (1) MArb (LP); 3 Nov(2), AllertonP (Piatt Co) (TAM); 5 Nov (1) Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Sangamon Co.(male & female on 6 Nov) (HDB). **Others**: 4-25 Nov (1-3) Mason SF (Mason Co.) (CDn, TAM, m.obs.); 9 Nov, Evanston (Cook Co) (MC:ph); 6 Nov (1 female) CBG (AFS) & 2 at CBG on 24 Nov (AG); 8 Nov (3) at Allerton (Piatt Co.) (CLH, RES); 5 Nov, Seavey Rd open country (Kane Co.) (SFd, CP); Nov 20 (3), Montrose (MD); 10-11 Nov(1-2), Evanston (FRM, MC, JC); Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 7 Nov (SSc); 4 Nov, Orland Park (Cook Co) (ND). Reported in 7 counties.

Common Redpoll
EA: 31 Oct (2), Montrose (M Devlin). 3 Nov (7) Clinton Lake, Parnell Access, *DeWitt*(M Fraker, m.obs.). 3 Nov (8) Afton FP *DeKalb* (Nick Barber) 8 Nov (12) Allerton (Piatt Co) (Leroy Harrison, R Shelby). **MC**: 140, Chicago Botanic Garden, 18 Nov. (AG,EGl, LM, m.obs.); 60. Grant Park--Museum Campus (Chicago), 16 Nov (DEW); 40, Schaumburg (Cook Co) 20-23 Nov (SAC, MM); 36, IBSP-N Unit, (PWS, AG); 32, Shabonna Lake (DeKalb Co.) 25 Nov (ASA); 30, Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie (Cook Co) 4 Nov (JDW); 20, Oakhurst Forest Preserve (Kane Co.) 17 Nov (ASA, ph); 10, Greenview (Menard Co) 21 Nov (BGt). **Others:** 27 Nov, Glacial Park CA (McHenry Co.) (DCr); 2-25 Nov (1-8), Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (NB, EWW, et.al); 17 Nov (6), Prescott Mill Subdivision (Kendall Co) (ASA); 25 Nov (4), Rural Morris (Grundy Co) (BMs); 21 Nov (5), Kankakee Co (JBH); 3 Nov (6), Clinton Lake SRA--Parnell Access (De Witt Co.) (MEF, m.obs.); 5 Nov(1) Urbana (Champaign Co) (MML). Reported in 13 counties the southernmost being south-central *Menard, Champaign and DeWitt* counties. Extreme early arrivals and remarkable influx of numbers in November in the upper third of the state.

Hoary Redpoll
CBG, 18 Nov, (AG, EGl,ph, LM, SZ, m. obs.); Shaumburg (Cook Co) 20-23 Nov (SAC, ph, MM).

Pine Siskin
EA: 24 Aug, Montrose (LGM, ph); 8 Sep, IBSP-N Unit (IBHW, ASl); 18 Sept, Montrose (MD, SSt). **MC**: 183, CBG, 10 Nov. (GAW, ABA); 121, IBSP-N unit, 21 Oct (IBHW, FRM, PWS, et al); 112, ClintonL, (Dewitt Co) 2 Nov. (MEF); 94, Montrose, 20 Oct (JlE, FRM, TFK, RDH); 70, KlehmArb & BG (Winnebago Co) 12 Nov (DTW); 70, Greenwood Cemetery, Rockford (Winnebago Co) 17 Nov (TAM); 70, Elburn Forest Preserve (Kane Co.) 25 Nov (ASA); 65, MArb--East Side (DuPage Co) 10 Nov (ASA); 55, Geneseo (Henry Co) 8 Nov (SH); 53, Elburn FP (Kane Co.), 17 Nov; (DFS); 53, Waukegan Beach (BJS, JSS); 50 Urbana, 30 Nov (PV); 42, Shabbona Lake SP, 22 Nov (DeKalb Co.) (DFS); 40, Green Mount Cemetery (St Clair) 25 Nov (DMK); 38, Shorewood, IL (Camelot) (Will Co) 10 Nov (JLn). **Others:** 33, Sang, 3 Nov (HDB); 27, Minonk (Woodford Co) 21 Oct (TH); 15, Wolf Creek causeway (*Williamson Co*) 22 Nov (WW); 18, Freeport (Stephenson Co) 9 Nov (EWW); 18, Rural Morris, (Grundy Co) 28 Oct (BMs) 16, Emiquon, 21 Oct (SZ); 15, Whiteside Co 18 Nov (DHh); 7, *Bond Co* 5 Nov (SBt); 7, "Purple Martin Hill" *Jefferson Co,* 12 Nov (DH); 8, CarlL-C, 8 Nov (DMK); 3, Monroe Co 21 Oct (C & PDh); *Wayne Co*, 20 Oct (APS, MSS, KAM); *Brown Co*, 30 Oct (KAM). Remarkable influx of numbers in

October/November. Reported in 44 counties statewide with the southernmost county of *Williamson* tallying 15 birds.

American Goldfinch

MC: 400, CarlL-C, 23 Nov (DMK); 170, Minonk (Woodford Co) 27 Sep (TH); 170, IBSP – North Unit/Camp Logan, 5 Oct (IBHW, JRRS); 160, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) 22 Sep & 12 Oct (EC); 100, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co.) 17 Sep (MSz); 100, Shabbona Lake, 1 Sep (NLB); 93, Wolf Road Prairie NP (Cook Co.) 20 Sep (DFS); 90, Sang, 1 Nov (HDB); 90, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co.) 11 Oct (ASA); 87, Hennepin, 27 Sep. (DFS). Reported in 85 counties.

Evening Grosbeak

EA: 2 Nov(1), Mundelein (TA, ph, CAT, BJS, PWS, JRRS, m. obs.). 3 Nov. (3),Genoa, (DeKalb Co) (KML). **MC**: 7, Colfax (McLean Co) 5-9 Nov (TT); 6,. Warrenville, 8 Nov (DuPage Co) (SFt); 5, Iroquois Co. 5-8 Nov (only one there on the 8 Nov) (*fide* JBH, ph); 2, Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet, (Will Co) (Joliet) 9 Nov (DFS); 2, Applewood, (Mason Co) 22-23 Nov (CWt). **Others:** 8 Nov (1), Big Rock Forest Preserve (Kane Co.) (SFd); 11 Nov (1), Windings subdivision (Kane Co) (SAC); 11 Nov (1) LincolnP Zoo (JIN); 14 Nov (1), Hyde Park—Dorchester (BW). Small numbers but a long awaited irruption. Reported in 10 counties.

Evening Grosbeak. Mundelein, Lake County. 2 November 2012. Photo by Paul Sweet.

House Sparrow

MC: 300, Eastport Marina (Tazewell Co) 25 Nov (BG); 112, Irving Park, Chicago, 13 Oct (DKA); 107, Montrose, 11 Aug (GAW); 100, Evanston, 3 Oct (MC); 97, Grant Park, 3 Oct (DFS).

Eurasion Tree Sparrow

MC: 125, Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co) 5 Nov. (TAM,TDF, KR, APS); 120, Banner Marsh FWA – East Access (Peoria Co.) 6 Sep (EC); 85, Spring Lake (Tazewell Co) 20 Oct (MJW, TH); 55+, Emiquon, 2 Nov (EWW). Reported in 20 counties as far north as *Woodford, Henry* and *Stark*.

Exotics:

Red Bishop

Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) 6 Sep (Mark Wallner:ph).

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Red Bishop. Spring Bluff Forest Preserve, Lake County. 6 September 2012. Photo by Mark Wallner.

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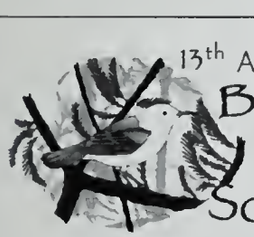

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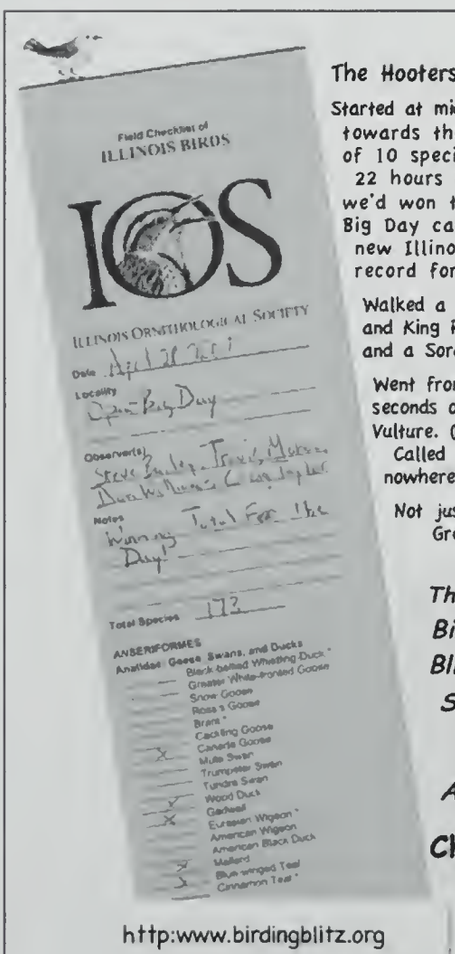

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